

## American Jewish Congress Plans To Expel People's Fraternal Order

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—The national executive committee of the American Jewish Congress has voted to expel the Communist-dominated Jewish People's Fraternal Order, it was learned this week.

The decision followed months of growing embarrassment for leaders of the Congress over the affiliation of the Fraternal Order, which has been the target of consistent charges of Communist domination, particularly by the American Jewish League against Communism.

The Congress is scheduled to act on the matter shortly and the expulsion of the JPFO appeared likely to be announced within a week.

The Jewish People's Fraternal Order was accepted for membership in the Congress during the "united front" period of collaboration between Russia and the West during the joint fight against the Axis.

In the mounting hostility which Russia manifested toward the West, the domestic fight in the U. S. against Communist and Communist-front groups brought increasing fire against the JPFO.

Last July, the MENORAH JOURNAL opened fire on the Congress for the continued affiliation of the Fraternal Order. Though Congress officials refused to discuss the issue publicly, the Post learned last December that Congress leaders were anxious to expel both the JPFO and the American Jewish Labor Council, another "front organization."

It was not learned what decision, if any, had been taken, about membership of the Jewish Labor Council.

## Jewish Federations Won't Help

### ALL-DAY SCHOOLS MAY HAVE TO ASK FEDERAL AID, WARNING

**National Jewish Post**  
HARTFORD, Conn.—A warning that supporters of all-day Jewish schools may be forced to join the movement for Federal aid to parochial schools if Jewish federations continue to withhold financial help was sounded here this week.

The warning was issued at the first nationwide conference sponsored by the National Association of Hebrew Day School Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. Ruth Waldman, in her keynote address as president, lambasted federations who have money "for everything but maximal Jewish education."

"A growing number of delegates feel that if the Federations persist in their refusal to help day schools, these schools may be forced to align themselves with those forces in American life that are today agitating for Federal aid to parochial schools," she said.

"Death by starvation is worse

than going outside of the Jewish community for help," she added. "The day school movement is growing and we will definitely not be stopped by undemocratic elements in control of Welfare Funds."

A survey indicated that the idea of asking for federal aid is not yet the official opinion of the association but it does represent the feeling of a sizable and growing number of delegates.

## Memorial Services Held For 1776 Soldier Dead

NEW YORK — Almost unnoticed in the huge Memorial Day services this week in New York, 100 persons gathered at a small Jewish cemetery to decorate the graves of 17 Jewish soldiers of the American Revolution.

The cemetery, second oldest burial plot in New York City, belongs to the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. It dates back to 1682.

## Lively ZOA Convention Fails To Produce Concrete Program

(Other Convention Stories Inside)

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—The Zionist Organization of America was launched this week on a new career after a lively convention that produced the anticipated new leadership but failed to set forth a program for Zionists in a world in which Israel was politically secure.

A slight hitch delayed for a few hours the election of Daniel Frisch, Hoosier Zionist leader, as president to succeed Dr. Emanuel Neumann, fulfilling a life-long ambition for the stocky, hard-working Zionist.

As delegates to the 52nd annual convention began returning to their homes, a strong but unverified rumor arose that Frisch was to be named to the vacancy on the Jewish Agency executive deliberately left open by the last World Zionist Actions Committee.

The convention, which attracted more than 1,200 delegates but far less than the advertised advance hopes of 2,000, left unanswered more questions than it answered.

### Silver In Running

It did produce a definite statement from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver that he was not retiring and intended to be back in the fray by the time the next World Zionist Congress is held next year. He made it plain that he intended to continue his battle for vindication on his losing fight to prevent the Jewish Agency from controlling the United Jewish Appeal.

That fight furnished the only big floor scrap at the convention here last week-end. At the last moment, the Committee for Progressive Zionism read a prepared statement which angered the delegates and especially Dr. Silver, who demanded its retraction before proceeding with the election.

Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland, a CPZ leader, read the statement which rejected the convention stand endorsing Silver's fight at the closing moments of the Sunday afternoon session. He refused to withdraw his statement.

After considerable urging, the

### He's Not Retiring



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
A Little Rest First

CPZ agreed to a second statement but Shapiro told The Post that the second statement merely repeated the first one and that the CPZ remained opposed to the convention support of Silver's stand.

(Text of the official ZOA autonomy resolution and of the two CPZ statements inside.)

In the afternoon session, the CPZ made its only open fight of the convention. The CPZ had been informed that a resolution backing Silver's stand in the UJA fight might be presented to the delegates, even against the wishes of the Frisch group. The CPZ was firmly opposed to such action.

### Attack Jewish Agency

Dr. Emanuel Neumann in his final presidential address, and Dr. Silver both confirmed CPZ fears by savage attacks on the Jewish Agency for "interfering" in internal Zionist matters in connection with the UJA struggle earlier this year.

One delegate interpreted Rabbi Silver's speech as "intending the reduce the income of the UJA," but got no further. It was Louis Lipsky who, by prior arrangement at a CPZ caucus Saturday afternoon, took issue with Dr. Silver and who introduced a resolution to refer the issue to the

incoming national administrative council for action.

Lipsky used all his political skill to oppose the most popular Zionist leader of the times and yet carry the adoring audience into an action denounced so strongly by the leader.

"Dr. Silver is one of the greatest talents in the Zionist movement," Lipsky said in one sentence. His next sentence was: "He has great virtues and some faults." The next sentence was along the lines that a great man would be capable of magnanimity and generosity.

Lipsky said there were two sides to the United Jewish Appeal quarrel and asked, "Do we want to add to the troubles of the Jewish Agency?"

### Silver Saves The Day

A motion to table Lipsky's motion was defeated. Then Dr. Neumann, Mortimer May, the new chairman of the executive committee, and Dr. Silver took the floor and the day was won for the "autonomy" resolution.

May challenged Goldmann's right to intervene in the argument and asked what district he represented. But it was Dr. Silver who saved his own day. He challenged the interpretation of Lipsky's motion as a peace move. He said it was a clear repudiation of the position he and Neumann had taken. He said that if the resolution were referred to the incoming administration for action, he would feel himself "completely repudiated."

The convention then defeated the Lipsky motion and passed the autonomy resolution, then came the first CPZ statement and subsequently the second.

The final outcome was to present Frisch with his first real headache. As ZOA president, he was committed to the autonomy stand, which was anathema to the CPZ members whose votes helped to elect him.

The convention also failed to produce a program. The much-discussed report of the committee on reorientation headed by Judge Simon Rifkind of New York was contained in a 16-page document.

The report restated the general principles already widely enunciated in Zionist discussion since the last convention but did not set forth a specific program.

## Veteran Turned Down At Hearing For Approval Of Kosher Butcher Shop, Charges Discrimination

**National Jewish Post**  
PHILADELPHIA—A World War II veteran, who appealed to President Truman to help him get approval to run a Kosher butcher shop, charged this week that he was discriminated against in a hearing before the Vaad Hakashruth.

Charles Sussman was refused approval and a certificate of supervision by the Vaad to operate a kosher place after the hearing last week at the home of Rabbi B. L. Levinthal, chief of the Philadelphia Orthodox Rabbinate.

Sussman was questioned by Rabbi Ephraim E. Yolles, president of the Beth Din of the Vaad. The decision to reject his bid was announced by Abraham A. Levinthal, local attorney and secretary of the Vaad. He also is a son of Rabbi Levinthal.

Sussman told The Post that at the hearing, Rabbi Yolles handed him some Hebrew to read and he couldn't. Sussman charged he was refused his certificate for that inability.

He said that he could read the Hebrew letters which are used on Kosher meat to signify the day, month, initial of the schochet and the letter that stands for the portion of the Torah.

He had taken instruction in that phase of kashrut but, he charged, Rabbi Yolles handed him a totally unrelated piece of material to read. The discrimination charge was contained in Sussman's contention that another applicant, who claimed to have had a certificate in Montreal, wasn't asked to read any Hebrew.

A large delegation of kosher butchers, including the president of the Kosher Butchers' Association, attended the hearing which attracted a good deal of attention locally.

Sussman also told The Post he has been approached by several local Orthodox rabbis willing to give him Kashruth supervision but said he wants to hold out for a certificate from the governing authority.

He is now operating a butcher shop in a Jewish neighborhood which sells Kosher meat but he has no certificate to mark it as officially Kosher.

He has complained in letters and telegrams to President Truman, to Philadelphia Mayor Bernard Samuel and the Department of Justice Anti-Trust division. Mayor Samuel appointed Dr. Myer Solis Cohen, prominent local doctor, to investigate Sussman's charges.

## RED-LED POLISH JEWRY BREAKS WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

WARSAW—The Communist-dominated Jewish Central Committee of Poland blasted the World Jewish Congress as a "reactionary anti-democratic organization" this week, and announced it had severed relations with the WJC.

The statement, which marked an important move toward isolation of Soviet satellite Jewish communities from contact with Jews in the West, accused leaders of the World Jewish Congress of having acted in a "treacherous manner" by refusing to participate in the recent Red-organized Congress for Peace in Paris.

WJC leaders also were accused of being tools of the "reactionary Zionist bourgeoisie." The stand followed replacement of Dr. Adolph Berman as head of

the 90,000 Jews organized in the central committee by Hirsch Smolar, a Communist.

The link with the WJC was the last official connection for Polish Jewry with any international Jewish organization.

Similar action was expected from Jewish organizations in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, where democratically-chosen leaders were purged and replaced by Communists.



## New York

## CHICAGO JEWISH FORUM DESERVES BIGGER FOLLOWING THAN IT HAS

R. M. Z. FRANK

IT IS clear that Famous Editor Trude Weiss-Rosmarin and Famous Editor Gabriel M. Cohen do not quite see eye to eye on some Famous Personalities. For example, with regard to Daniel Frisch, Gabe thinks he's got some qualities and some faults, but according to the Gospel of St. Trude, Dan is Jesus Christ Himself, and then some.

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**S**PEAKING of Anglo-Jewish periodicals and their Famous Editors, I'd like to make Benjamin Weintraub of Chicago a little more famous than he is. He deserves it, for the excellent job he is doing with the quarterly magazine, the Chicago Jewish Forum. It is on a high literary level; it is dignified without being snooty and precious; it is frankly Jewish without being hysterical; its content is well balanced; it is critical without grinding axes. It deserves more attention and support at the hands of the Jewish intelligentsia than it receives.



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**W**HEN the Jewish Frontier made a sudden descent from the Great Beyond Where Ghandi Dwells and Lenin Roasts in Hell to give warning to the world that a National Assembly for Labor Israel is to take place late in June, I learned something: I learned that such an assembly is to take place. This is interesting and promising. So I had a talk with Dr. Beryl Frymer of LZO to find out more about it. He promised me that not a single Senator will be there to tell the Jews how good they are. You may find some information on the subject in the May issue of the Jewish Frontier. Incidentally, despite what I said, the Jewish Frontier is still the best, by far the best, Anglo-Jewish magazine in America.

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**T**HE April issue of the American Perspective, published by the Foundation for Foreign Affairs, has an article by Benjamin Akzin, entitled "Israel and the World." It is a remarkably successful attempt to present the question to a select intellectual but emotionally indifferent and skeptical non-Jewish audience in terms it can understand.

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**I** WAS pretty furious that time when I discovered that the New Leader engineered a cable to British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin signed by some 50 prominent Americans congratulating him on his foreign policy. I expressed my fury in this column. That was way over a year ago or maybe two years ago. Then, in the middle of a certain Wednesday late in May, I got an itch. I phoned my old friend, Sol Levitas, the executive editor of the New Leader. He wasn't very friendly at first, but he thawed out pretty soon.

"Come over to my office," he said. "I want to insult you."

So I came over. "Well," he said, "did you run into our correspondent there, Mark Alexander?"

"No," I said, "but his stuff is very good."

"Very good!" Sol was not satisfied. "Why, he's the best correspondent from Israel any paper has." Maybe he is right, at that.

I took out my card. "Put me back on the mailing list," I said.

"Free of charge?" he was indignant, but he put the card away.

"All right," I said, "I'll give you an article."

"No articles from you any more. You'll have to go through a period of probation."

"So I'll write where I get paid." Freda Utley came to see him and I had to leave.

"Come again," he said, "I didn't get a chance to insult you."

Maybe the itch to see Sol came from leafing through the issues of the Chicago Jewish Forum, where I came across some pieces by Irving Levitas of Kansas City who, in spite of being Sol's brother, is a darn nice fellow and a good Zionist.

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**T**HE largest funeral I attended in New York was that of Professor Chaim Tchernowitz, who died at the age of 78, in the midst of the most active period of his life as a scholar and editor. He was a remarkable man as an individual, and an interesting representative of a generation of East European Jewish scholars who combined traditional Jewish civilization with modern European culture.

Tchernowitz lived for a time in Odessa when Achad Ha-am and Bialik were there and he contributed greatly to the shaping of the particular Odessa atmosphere in which grew up the famous monthly magazine Hashiloah and such poets as Bialik and Chernichovsky. Here in New York Tchernowitz tried to carry on the same tradition and adapt it to local conditions. That is how he came to found ten years ago, his monthly magazine Bitzaron. Tchernowitz or, as he was known by his pen-name, Rav Tzair (Young Rabbi), maintained the high standards of the Odessa period. He was fearless and outspoken in his articles on current problems and he sought to nurture Jewish thought and Jewish research in the Hebrew language. As I pen these lines, I learn that the Bitzaron will continue publication after the death of its founder.

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**H**ER mother died at childbirth, her father died when she was three. Every time she comes of Jerusalem, she visits the old

## British Jewish Weekly Hits Israeli Cyrenica Vote At UN As Violation Of Obligations To Galus Jews

LONDON, England—In a critical comment on Israel's vote in the United Nations against a British trusteeship for Cyrenica, the powerful Jewish CHRONICLE of London asserted last week that Israel was obligated to consider in its international actions its connections with Jews throughout the world.

The Anglo-Jewish weekly, in an editorial entitled "spite and spirit," said that Aubrey Eban, the Israeli representative to the United Nations, had the right to cast the vote "for Israel is a free and independent nation, with all the rights and privileges in world councils that go with that status."

The editorial said it was understandable "in the light of the aberrations of British policy in Palestine" that the Israeli might be skeptical of the value of any British control of a territory.

But the weekly argued that such doubt "could have been expressed in more moderate terms,

even by a simple vote without necessarily joining in debate, than Mr. Eban appears to have permitted himself. His speech amounted to a charge in advance of bad faith by Britain."

The editorial said it was a "pity" that the occasion should have been used as one for "having a crack" at Britain "simply for the sake of so doing by suggesting, for example, that strategic considerations would weigh more heavily with the United Kingdom than the basic interests of the country."

Israel holds a special interest for all Jewry "from a sentimental and above all from a spiritual standpoint," the weekly said. "Jewry in the Diaspora should, by the same token, be held in special regard by Israel but there is danger that, in the first flush of enthusiastic establishment, this plain truth is being obscured."

The editorial argued that "for the fulfillment of both aspects of this altruistic bargain, it is necessary to move in a calm climate. Gratuitous embarrassments to all parts, and not least to Jews in the Galut, should not be sought if only, to put it at its lowest, for reasons of prudence and self-interest."



EBAN

## Ben-Gurion Coming To U. S. For UJA

NEW YORK—Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will soon come to New York to help in the United Jewish Appeal, Boris Smolar reported in his Jewish Telegraphic Agency column "Between You and Me" this week.

It will be Ben-Gurion's first visit to the United States since the United Nations Partition decision meeting.

## Israel Spiritual Blow To Jewry, Book Claims

Jewish World News Service

NEW YORK—A book published this week by the Jewish Ethical Society, "Jews Among the Nations," by Dr. Shlome Simon, argues that the emergence of the Jewish State, although acclaimed as a victory for the Jews, in reality represented a spiritual decline for Jewry.

Dr. Simon argues that from the days of the prophet Samuel, two trends have fought for dominance in Jewish life and history.

One is represented by the priest and the politicians who argued that Jews must have a state, a king, an army and all the other attributes of political status.

The other trend, represented by the prophets, the great rabbis and spiritual leaders, held that Jews were a unique group held together by spiritual bonds and that a state and a state did not matter, Simon argues.

Dr. Simon contends that the end of the epoch that began with the destruction of the Temple by the Romans is an act of retrogression and spiritual decline in Jewish history.

man who knew her parents way back in the old country, in Yemen. The old man never tired of praising her late father, his scholarship, his saintly character, his modesty. Once she asked the old man, "Won't you tell me something about my mother?"

"I'll tell you Bracha," said the old Yemenite Jew, "your mother, she was quite different. She came from the country and she always shouted when she spoke. She wasn't so sweet-tempered." (Bracha Zifra's father was a big city man, it seems—from Yemen's capital; her mother was a village lass.)

"But tell me, whom do I resemble more?"

"Well, you look more like your father, but in disposition you're sort of half and half."

"That's not good," said Bracha Zifra, "I'd rather be one way or the other."

"No, Bracha," said the old man, "when you have both tempers in you, you can manipulate them to suit the occasion, using now the sweet temper, now the wicked one."

"But the trouble is," Bracha Zifra insisted, "I may use each one at the wrong time and place."

"YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND US Yemenite Jews," Bracha Zifra said to me. "Have you met any Yemenite Jews when you were in Israel?"

"Only the children at the camp near Nathanya. They're delightful: quick, witty, cheerful."

Bracha Zifra, the famous Israeli singer, in New York the other day was the first adult Yemenite Jew I met long enough to converse with. She is a remarkable person and a very rich personality. I hope to be able to tell you more about her some other time.

## Anglo-Jewish Weekly Said No

## Chicago Sentinel Charges UJA Tried to Muzzle It With Ad Bribe

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—The Chicago Jewish SENTINEL charged this week that the United Jewish Appeal had attempted to end the weekly's criticism of certain trends in U. S. Jewish fund-raising by an offer of advertising if the weekly would stop its campaign.

In an editorial "Statement of Public Policy," the weekly renewed its charges that "a small clique, members of the American Jewish committee, acting in the name of a holding company, have seized absolute control of Jewish life."

"Utilizing their grip on the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, whose boards they completely dominate, they have fashioned a veritable 'trust' through which they are able to dictate the policies of practically every Jewish organization dependent on public funds," the editorial said.

The SENTINEL has been making similar charges for more than a year, culminating recently in an accusation that "although the United Jewish Appeal spent millions of dollars last year on all kinds of publicity and newspaper advertisements, very little, if any, went into the English-Jewish press."

"We further pointed out that the American Jewish Committee was making a determined bid for the controlling shares of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the only Jewish world-wide news gathering service," the editorial said. "As a matter of fact, they have offered as much as a million dollars to gain this control."

## Sentinel Makes Pledge

"The SENTINEL, aware of this maneuver, pledged itself at the recent convention of the American Association of English-Jewish newspapers to help form a new and independent service in the event it becomes necessary," the editorial said.

"A few weeks after the convention, we were approached by a fellow publisher, who had some conversation with the publicity director of the Appeal. He informed us that there would be paid advertising for the English-Jewish press—but not for the SENTINEL unless we abandoned our editorial campaign."

The editorial said that "every other member of the Association was to be included except the SENTINEL. We sent back word that our editorial policy was not for sale."

## All But The Sentinel

The editorial said that in the past month, full page ads have appeared in all member publications and even in papers not accepted for membership in the association. The editorial charged that "several, which had been critical of the United Jewish Appeal in the past, apparently saw the light, recanted and received an ad. The SENTINEL, of course, did not."

Asserting that its advertising revenues were good enough so that "Thank, God, we don't need anyone's bribe," the weekly asserted that "here is a clear cut case in which monies supposedly raised for the relief of orphans and refugees have been deliberately used for the purpose of trying to muzzle the press."

"We make this charge and challenge the United Jewish Appeal to deny it," the weekly said.

## FRENCH ALL THE WAY

PARIS—(JTA)—The French Government has extended de jure recognition to the state of Israel, the French Foreign Ministry announced here.

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## Silver Wins Convention Okay For His Stand In UJA Fight But CPZ Remains Opposed

By G. M. COHEN

NEW YORK—(NJP)—One motion and two statements involving the fight early this year between the leaders of the outgoing administration of the Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish Agency over the 1949 United Jewish Appeal provided the highlights at the 52nd annual convention of the ZOA this week.

The motion led to the first statement, one by the Committee for Progressive Zionism that it would not be bound by the convention's vote on the motion. The motion sought autonomy for the ZOA in connection with its relations to the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

### CPZ Strategy Fails

The resolution was passed by the convention but only after the single floor battle of all the sessions. The strategy of the CPZ, which was directed in the floor by Louis Lipsky, was to move that the resolution be referred to the incoming administration for action. Failing to achieve this, the CPZ's Ezra Shapiro read the first statement. (text on this page).

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver fought vigorously for vindication of his resignation from the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Jewish Agency executive. The latter was in direct protest against the decision of the Jewish Agency, at an unprecedented plenary session earlier this year in New York, to bow to the demands of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in the fight over control of the United Jewish Appeal.

### Repudiation Held Involved

Dr. Silver said that if the first statement of the CPZ was adopted, it would amount to repudiation by the convention of him and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, outgoing ZOA president. At one time in the see-saw fight it seemed that the persuasive logic of Lipsky would win the day for the CPZ but Dr. Silver came back to the floor with a devastating appeal and his vindication resolution passed overwhelmingly.

### One After Another

But settlement of that fight led to a greater one. Following his pre-arranged strategy, Shapiro read his statement. It brought an uproar which could hardly be quieted.

Following passage of the "autonomy" resolution, the convention afternoon session was adjourned. It was already past seven p.m. but the evening session was announced for 8 p.m.

The delegates reassembled by 9 p.m. but for almost two hours the scheduled election of officers for the coming administration did not take place. Shapiro told The Post that his second statement (text on this page) was in no way a change from the first, but obviously it was interpreted as such by Dr. Silver.

### ZOA Scholarship Winners Announced

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The names of the first ten winners of scholarships for a year's study in Israel were announced this week at the Zionist Organization of American convention.

They are Eunice Orodener, Providence, R.I.; Stanley Isenstein, Dover, N.H.; Joanne Gould, Winthrop, Mass.; Calvin Elnis, Sharon, Mass.; Joseph I. Yanich, Detroit; Asher Birnbaum, Chicago; David B. Medved and Dove Toby Ticktin, both of Philadelphia; Iola Schipler of Newark, N.J., and Judith Tannenbaum, Batsheva Fishman and Meyer Kaplan, of New York City.

## RESOLUTION ON AUTONOMY

The Convention notes with deep regret the unprecedented intervention of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in local administrative problems arising on the American scene which have been traditionally the province and responsibility of American Zionists and confided to their discretion. This intervention caused the resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a member of the Agency Executive, from their positions on that body.

The Convention expresses its conviction that the well established administrative autonomy of American Zionist bodies and their self-direction within the constitutional framework of the World Zionist Movement should be respected in the future.

The Convention therefore resolves:

That the resignations of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann from the Jewish Agency Executive were in the circumstances fully warranted.

That it is in the interest of the World Zionist Movement and of Israel that the influence of the Zionist Organization of America in all fund-raising activities and institutions in the United States shall be preserved and its representation on the governing bodies of American Zionist funds shall be unimpaired.

That the administrative autonomy heretofore enjoyed by American Zionist bodies within the framework of the World Zionist Movement and its constitutional provisions, shall be vigorously asserted and fully preserved and safeguarded in the future.

That the same principle shall apply to the relations between the Agency Executive and well established and responsible national and territorial Zionist bodies everywhere throughout the world.

That the National Executive Committee and incoming administration of the ZOA be advised and directed to take all steps necessary and possible to assure these results.

## STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRESSIVE ZIONISM

In the recent controversy with regard to the organization of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949, the CPZ has supported the action of the Jewish Agency Executive which in our opinion has saved the UJA campaign and has maintained and safeguarded the autonomy of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

On the question of administrative autonomy of the ZOA, we do not feel that the action of the Jewish Agency has violated it. The campaign of the UJA is not the sole responsibility of the ZOA but of all Zionist groups and primarily of the Jewish Agency which is the main recipient of these funds. On the principle of administrative autonomy of the territorial Zionist organizations and the ZOA there is no difference of opinion. But this principle can apply only to the administrative problems of the ZOA, its internal setup and its own special funds, but not to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund and Palestine Foundation Fund) and the United Palestine Appeal, which is the fund-raising agency for both. These funds are the concern of the whole Zionist movement and naturally also of its supreme authority, the Jewish Agency executive.

For these reasons we cannot accept the resolution proposed by the political committee at this convention. As this is a matter of principle and conscience, we cannot feel bound by the resolution now presented if adopted by the Convention. We will remain free to act on this issue as we see it individually and we will claim the same freedom of action of every delegate is in any event assured by the rules of the World Zionist Organization.

We are honor bound to make this statement so that no misunderstanding may result from the fact that we have joined the new administration.

We intend to cooperate fully with the new President and the administration but we will retain our freedom with regard to the very vital problem dealt with by this resolution.

## SECOND STATEMENT OF THE CPZ

We should like to clarify the last two paragraphs of the statement made on behalf of the Committee for Progressive Zionism this afternoon, since they may have been misunderstood. We affirm that the statement relating to the exercise of the individual prerogatives referred exclusively to matters of principles which may confront the delegates at the forthcoming Congress, the constitution of which provides that no delegates shall be bound. It is obviously our thought that all actions and decisions of the convention and other governing bodies of the ZOA are binding upon all members of the ZOA administration and its committees.

## CONGREGATION MEMBER MAKES TORAH ARK ON OWN STUDIES

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—An Ark for the Torah of Beth Am Synagogue, designed and built of wood and aluminum by a member of the congregation, will be dedicated this Friday.

David Wolfe has spent the past seven months working on the Ark after deciding as a member of one of the 20 committees which run the Temple that an Ark was needed.

After considerable research he determined that there is nothing traditional, or standard, about Arks so he built his in the form of a giant six-pointed Star of David. The Ark stands at nine feet, three inches high.

The Temple has no home of its the Union stockyard.

own yet and meets at the O'Keefe public school. That fact presented storage problems, so Wolfe built the Ark in three sections so it could be moved.

Mrs. Louis Vehon, Wolfe's mother-in-law, sewed the draperies for the Ark.

Wolfe is a livestock dealer at the Union stockyard.

## I Think As I Please

### DON'T DISMISS THE RIFKIND REPORT; IT CLEARS WAY FOR ZOA'S FUTURE

By CARL ALPERT

DELEGATES reporting in at the ZOA convention received a kit of materials which weighed about half a pound, including several dozen assorted reports, pamphlets, folders and advertising brochure. Yet the item which in most cases commanded immediate attention was the small and modest leaflet which had been widely heralded in advance as the Rifkind Report.



There were some gasps of surprise when it was noted that the report, result of many months of study, encompassed a scanty 16 small pages; many, it seemed, had expected an imposing volume of evidence, testimony and findings.

There was disappointment, too. "Why," delegates were heard to exclaim. "There's nothing new in this! This is the same thing Zionists have been saying for the past year, since the establishment of the State of Israel. Of course we know that our program must now concentrate on the educational and cultural tasks here, and on the economic tasks in Israel."

What they missed, however, was that while many of these thoughts had been heard in scattered and random fashion, this was the first time they had been collated, systematized, and set down in ordered, logical sequence. To be sure there was nothing new or startling in the Rifkind Report, but the mere formulation of the principles in this fashion was a contribution of high order. For that matter, the Basle Program of 1897, which declared that the goal of the Zionist movement was the establishment of a legally secured, publicly recognized Jewish Homeland in Palestine, was not new. It was the timing and the formulation which made that statement historic.

Veteran Zionist Louis Lipsky, incidentally, a dissenting member of the committee which produced the report, based his opposition, among other reasons, on sentimental grounds. It was unseemly, he said to replace the Basle Program, one of the hallowed sancta of Jewish life, with another and more "modern" document. He would not have objected to adding to the Basle Program, but merely shunting it aside seemed sacrilegious.

Several aspects of the Report commanded attention even at first reading. First was the disclaimer that this was anything in the nature of a new Torah from Sinai. Emphasis was placed on the "character of tentativeness, as a record of exploration rather than the announcement of discovery." The Commission suggested that following the convention the report be circularized "as material for study and public discussion," following which it will be referred to the National Administrative Council. This will be done and the report will be accompanied by Judge Rifkind's brilliant explanatory address which accompanied the presentation.

The new aims of the Zionist movement are simply expressed: To safeguard the integrity and independence of Israel by moral and material assistance; to assist in the organization of Jewry for this purpose; to strengthen Jewish sentiment and consciousness as a people and promote its cultural creativity.

AGAIN AND AGAIN THE REPORT emphasizes the clear-cut separation which exists between the state of Israel and Jews elsewhere. Every mention of Zionist activity is accompanied by such phrases as "in conformity with local law," or "consistent with the laws of the several countries where Zionists are nationals or inhabitants." Surely this should prove reassuring to our worried brethren of the American Council for Judaism.

A sharp blow is struck at Zionist partisan activities in the Diaspora in these words: "It is not in the interest of the Zionist movement that Jews living outside of Israel should maintain affiliation with the political parties of Israel as such, shape their policies, or be subject to their direction." But the next sentence appears to negate this principle, as follows: "Nonetheless, it is understood that Jews outside of Israel will continue to differ on the manner in which they will wish to see Israel develop and will continue to give sympathetic support to like-minded enterprises and movements in Israel."

The Report suggests further liberties with some of the hallowed traditions of the movement. It recommends decentralization of the World Zionist Organization and the setting up of autonomous territorial bodies; it sees no further use for the Shekel as evidence of electoral franchise. It asks scrapping of the policy which has heretofore given Palestinian Jewry double representation in the Zionist Congresses.

The Report will be debated for months to come. It will be condemned as extreme heresy on the one hand, and as a disappointing much-ado-about-nothing on the other. The truth is that it is an intelligent, well-written document which for the first time introduces order into the chaotic discussions which have heretofore been held on the future functions of Zionism. It is a substantial point of departure for such further change as will be made in the evolving new conception of Zionist philosophy.

WARSAW—(JTA)—The Polish Ministry of Culture and Art is ready to recognize Jewish theaters in Lodz and Lower Silesia as state institutions and to have their expenses covered in the government budget.

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## Frisch Gets ZOA Presidency; CPZ Claims Tremendous Victory

By MARC H. TANENBAUM  
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Peace finally came to the giant strife-weary Zionist Organization of America Sunday night when 1,222 registered delegates to the 52nd annual convention voted coalition candidate Daniel Frisch into the presidency and named a "unity" slate of officers which gave the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism almost 50 per cent control of the national administrative council.

Emerging with one-third of all national ZOA administration posts, the very-much-alive CPZ told The Post that it considered the results a "tremendous victory" for its group.

The election of Daniel Frisch as 14th ZOA president was actually a foregone conclusion and the Hoosier candidate himself permitted the press to have his acceptance speech well over an hour before he was chosen.

The only hitch in the smoothly-rolling election procedure was a brief boom for Rabbi Irving Miller, present chairman of the ZOA administrative council, for the presidency. But Miller himself swiftly choked off the boom with a speech in which he rejected the suggestion but at the same time making it clear he would run for the office at the next election.

### Rumors In Plenty

None of the national administrative or national executive posts were contested during the election sessions, although throughout the day rumors circulated in the convention halls both at the Statler Hotel and the Manhattan Center that negotiations had broken down at the last minute and that new slates were in the making. Final results indicated that the CPZ, as a result of month-long negotiations with the administration, had won five of the 16 vice-presidential posts, was given the chairmanship of the powerful administrative council as well as the post of secretary.

In an unprecedented procedure which required an amendment to the constitution, two treasurers were named, one of whom was a CPZ member. A CPZ man also was elected as one of the two associate treasurers.

On the national executive committee, previously consisting of 45 members and now increased to 60 by the nominating committee, the opposition faction claimed 12 seats.

Another innovation in convention affairs was found in the naming of four honorary vice-presidents, all of whom were ZOA administration adherents. With Frisch at its head, the

new administration had the following leaders at its coalition helm:

**HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Harry Friedenwald, Abraham Goldstein, Charles Ress, Elihu D. Stone.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Benjamin G. Browdy, Judge Henry Ellenbogen, Rabbi Leon Feuer, Abraham Goodman, Joseph Goldberg, Julius Livingstone, Rabbi Irving Miller, David Moskowitz, Harry A. Pine, Milton J. Silverman, Herman L. Weisman. The CPZ men named were: Harold Goldenberg, Benjamin E. Harris, Charles Rosenbloom, Ezra Shapiro, and Dewey D. Stone. (Although Stone has been close to the ZOA present administration, the CPZ considers him one of their own).

**CHAIRMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Rudolph Sonnenborn.

**VICE-CHAIRMEN, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Morton J. Robbins, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Jacques Torczyner.

**SECRETARY, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Rabbi Isadore Breslau.

**CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mortimer May.

**TREASURERS:** Fred Monoson, William Sylk.

**ASSOCIATE TREASURERS:** Louis Falk, Adolph Hamburger. The election got under way after 11:00 p.m. when Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, past ZOA president, took over as chairman of the session. Silver introduced Judge Henry Ellenbogen, chairman of the nominations committee, who introduced the coalition slate with the remark: "We have sought to make peace at almost any price." After a lengthy nominations pep-talk, Ellenbogen presented Frisch's name as presidential candidate and there was a burst of applause. Louis Lipsky, backbone of the opposition CPZ group, then seconded the nomination, declaring: "It is a fortunate thing to have as a united candidate a man of the character and personality of Daniel Frisch."

### Miller Nominated

No sooner had Lipsky left the podium than Rabbi Jonah Caplan of Astoria, Long Island, stepped to the center of the convention

### New ZOA Head



DANIEL FRISCH

hall and nominated Rabbi Miller, who is a Long Island spiritual leader, for the presidency. Immediately an entire section in the back of the hall broke loose with "We Want Miller!"

Miller swiftly stepped before the microphone, thanked his supporters for their rally, but turned down the nomination. He said that he hoped he would "merit confidence" in the future. Dr. Silver then commented: "I am sure that someday he will be president of the movement."

In his acceptance speech, Frisch began with a lengthy tribute to Dr. Silver whom, he said, was personally responsible for the peace achieved within the movement. Then the new ZOA president outlined briefly his blueprint for his administration, included support of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, and a number of ZOA projects in Israel which The Post exclusively reported two weeks ago. Frisch said he would leave for Israel in mid-June with a committee of experts to set up an "American Embassy" for U. S. tourists to Israel, and as a center to disseminate truthful information about the administration. He announced that at a morning breakfast (Sunday morning) ZOA delegates contributed \$90,000 toward the erecting of the embassy.

### Frisch Has Plans

He promised the setting up of a new Commission on Education and Community Relations to survey possibilities of strengthening the ZOA's cultural and educational program for U. S. Jewry.

Frisch welcomed the setting up a united Zionist body in this country, and endorsed the autonomy of Zionist bodies in the diaspora. In his concluding remarks he called for strict adherence to democratic procedure

## U.S. Jew Faces Deportation Order For Staying in Palestine Too Long

WASHINGTON—The case of a naturalized New York Jew who is threatened with an exclusion order which may mean his deportation as a stateless Jew because he stayed in Palestine too long may come before the U. S. Supreme Court soon, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported this week.

Milton Friedman, writing in his JTA column, "Capital Spotlight," said that Louis B. Lapidès became naturalized in 1928 and later went to Palestine. He returned from Palestine in 1947, after an absence of 13 years and was told he had lost his citizenship.

Involved in the case is a charge by the American Jewish Congress that a portion of the Nationality Act affecting Lapidès was aimed deliberately at Zionists.

Lapidès appealed the exclusion order and his appeal was denied by the U. S. Court of Appeals here, Friedman reported. Jack Wasserman and Irving Jaffe, the New Yorker's attorneys, will take the case to the Supreme Court.

The appeals court decision revealed a split in which one of the judges, Henry W. Edgerton, dissenting from the majority decision, argued that it set up an arbitrary distinction between native born and naturalized citizens.

Legal briefs were filed for Lapidès by the Congress, the American Jewish Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Congress charged that the section of the Nationality Act in question was aimed at discouraging naturalized Americans from supporting the Zionist program. It provides that citizenship of naturalized citizens be forfeited by residence abroad for more than five years.

The Congress charges that this creates "an unconstitutional distinction between native-born and naturalized citizens," Friedman reported.

The charge of anti-Zionist bias was based on testimony of Richard W. Flourney, legal adviser to the U. S. State Department, before the House of Representatives Committee on Naturalization and Immigration.

The brief quoted Flourney as saying in his testimony that "it will be desirable to put in a provision to cover each person who goes to a third country. The principle cases we have, I may say, are those Zionists. They are principally Russian and German Jews who have been naturalized in this country and later went to Palestine."

## TURKISH JEWS FORCED BY GUNS INTO ISRAELI WATERS; 7 DROWN

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

HAIFA—An official police statement issued here this week revealed that seven young Jews bound for Israel are feared lost as a result of a high seas action in which the captain and crew of a small schooner forced 30 Jewish passengers into the sea at the point of guns. The statement said the 23 who were rescued remained in the water for 48 hours.

According to the official police version of the incident, the captain of the vessel—which previously was identified as of east Mediterranean nationality—informed his passengers, who had paid him \$200 each for passage, that he could not sail his vessel to Israel since he did not have any landing papers. He told the Jews they would have to jump into the water and make their way to Israel as best they could.

The captain then threw into the sea about 30 barrels tied to

together to make a raft and a dory capable of holding five persons, the police statement continued.

When the Jews refused to jump into the sea, the captain and his crew drew guns. The Jews begged him to wait until nightfall and try to approach the Israeli coast. He agreed.

The police report added the captain forced the Jews into the water. Seventeen of the passengers crowded into the boat meant for five, while the remaining 13 Jews were put on the barrel-raft. The barrels soon broke loose and only six of the 13 who had been on the raft were able to secure themselves to the boat. Israeli marine police brought the survivors to shore and conducted a fruitless search for the other seven.

### ANOTHER BAR DROPPED

WASHINGTON — (JTA) — President Truman this week issued a proclamation granting Israeli ships exemption from discriminating tonnage duties and extending the same privileges enjoyed by vessels of all other friendly nations.

### POLISH-ISRAEL PACT

WARSAW — (JTA) — Poland and Israel have signed their first trade agreement for a \$20,000,000 exchange of goods in the coming year, Reuters reported this week.

### CANADA

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Editor Decries Secrecy On Fund Allocations

# N.Y. Rabbis Board Turns Down Hurwitz Bid for Trial of N.Y. UJA

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—The New York Board of Rabbis this week rejected the request of Henry Hurwitz for a rabbinical court to hear his charges of misuse of United Jewish Appeal funds by the New York UJA.

Hurwitz, editor of the MENORAH JOURNAL, said the rejection amounted to an admission by the rabbis that they could not rectify the UJA setup in New York, where five non-relief agencies will take out upwards of \$6,000,000 this year from funds contributed to aid the DPs and Israel.

Earlier this year the board unanimously adopted a resolution urging the management of the New York fund campaign to dissociate the UJA in New York from the non-relief agencies.

Hurwitz said that the resolution was ignored by Monroe Goldwater, president of the New York UJA, and no acknowledgment to its communication was received by the Board of Rabbis from the New York UJA.

Hurwitz indicated that he would take the case no further, in his comment on the Board's refusal to take action.

"I have refrained from bringing the case before the general public, even though Christians as well as Jews have been contributing to the campaign—the Christians most certainly, and a great many Jews too, under the definite impression that their contributions were going wholly for the benefit of the DPs and Israel," Hurwitz said.

## Different In N. Y.

The editor said that the UJA campaign setup in New York is different from the rest of the U. S. where welfare funds and combined campaigns include many agencies, both local and national, and are completely above board in their allocations.

He said the case was different in New York where "the small group of men in control of the UJA campaign in New York have persistently refused to make public the agreements or contracts between the UJA and the favored tacked-on agencies."

"I contend that such secrecy is against Jewish welfare and against democratic public policy," he said. "These are philanthropic tax-exempt funds which are secured from the public; it is intolerable that their distribution should be enveloped in secrecy. Secrecy inevitably leads to the suspicion of wrong-doings. Such a situation obtains in no other community in the country."

He said that a high officer of one of the defense agencies had written him: "I feel that you are absolutely correct in your complaint . . . It is in fact by way of being a conspiracy of those organizations to monopolize for themselves as much of the giving

capacity of the local community as possible . . ."

## Part of Attack

Hurwitz had linked his fight for publicity on allocations by the New York UJA with an attack on American Jewish civic defense agencies, whose dissolution he has demanded on grounds they prey on Jewish fears of anti-Semitism.

The Joint Defense Appeal is one of the "tacked-on" agencies in the New York UJA. The JDA is the fund-raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, two of the top civic defense groups.

The Board of Rabbis rejected the implication that it was ducking the issue by a statement saying that the matter would be dealt with at the proper time. The statement said that the success of the 1949 UJA drive was the basic issue.

Hurwitz indicated he would forget the Board of Rabbis and resume his fire on the N. Y. UJA in a new bid to compel it to publicize the agreements by which the non-relief agencies get allocations.

## Institute In Israel Offered To U. S. Jews

NEW YORK—(NJP)—A summer institute in Israel for American students will be held this year combining studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and work and living in various types of collective settlements.

The Institute is being sponsored by the Hebrew University and the Jewish Agency youth department. Rabbi Herbert Weiner, coordinator, said there were still a number of places open and that all age groups may apply.

## Brodetsky Named Hebrew U. Head

JERUSALEM — (JTA) — Professor Selig Brodetsky was this week elected president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

for the next five years by the University's board of governors. He succeeds Dr. Chaim Weizmann who resigned after becoming president of Israel.

Prof. Brodetsky will also be the chairman of the executive council of the University, succeeding Sir Leon Simon. Dr. David Werner Senator was elected executive vice president of the council. Dr. Weizmann's resignation was accepted by the board with regret. He was elected honorary president.

The governors ratified the agreement between the Hebrew University and Hadassah for the establishment of the medical school in Jerusalem. They also approved the establishment of a chair for Yiddish Language and Literature. Chaim Greenberg of New York assured the board that the funds required for the establishment and maintenance of the Yiddish chair will be provided by friends of the University in the United States.

## Claim Peron Ended Hate In Argentina

LONDON — (JTA) — Sucher Matrajt, president of the pro-Peron Argentine Jewish organization known as the O.I.A., said here this week that anti-Semitism in Argentine, "which had previously been widespread," was completely suppressed after Gen. Juan Peron came to power. Mr. Matrajt arrived here for consultations with British Jewish leaders, following a visit to Israel where he presented President Weizmann with a personal message from Peron.

## RABBI GOLDMAN, MAURICE SAMUEL, PHIL SLOMOVITZ JOIN LABOR ZIONISTS

**National Jewish Post**  
NEW YORK—Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, Maurice Samuel, noted novelist, and Philip Slomovitz, Detroit Anglo-Jewish publisher, have joined the Labor Zionist Organization of America, it was learned this week.

Rabbi Goldman is spiritual leader of the Conservative Anshe Emet Congregation of Chicago. Slomovitz, a former president of the Zionist Organization of Detroit, is editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish NEWS.

Rabbi Goldman was the second top figure in the ZOA in recent months to join the Labor Zionists. Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati, a former member of the ZOA national administrative council, announced last September that he was dropping his membership in General Zionism.

## Says Mill Owners Subsidizing K K K

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Stetson Kennedy, a writer who joined the Ku Klux Klan to learn its conspiracies, told a House subcommittee here that "hate sheets" are paid for by mill owners.

He testified before the group, which is holding hearings on fair

employment practices, that he served as contact man between the Klan and publishers of anti-Semitic publications. He charged that the Klan, Columbians, American Shores Patrol and the Gentile Army all trade in hate against Jews, Negroes, and Catholics. He said he saw checks mailed by mill owners to pay for the printing and mailing of "hate" publications.

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## Names In The News

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**I**UDWIG LEWISOHN, famed noble service rendered to stormy petrel of Jewish literature, contributed personally toward an important historical event in the brief life of Brandeis University last week when he presented to Brandeis president Abraham Sachar the original manuscript of the first book to be published by a faculty member in the first academic year of the Jewish-sponsored university. Lewisoohn, who is Professor of Comparative Literature, handed Dr. Sachar the manuscript of "Goethe: The Story of a Man," his latest book. The presentation was made in exercises at Waltham in observance of the bicentennial of the German poet. The book was published the same day.

## Tributes To Merit

The Jewish Book Council of America presented HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN, editor of the American Jewish Year Book for the past 40 years, with an award of appreciation for his "singular devotion to Jewish literature."

## Smolar Gets Praise

The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored BORIS SMOLAR, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, for "outstanding assistance in the furtherance of brotherhood." The award was signed by President Truman in his capacity as honorary president of the NCCJ.

## Degree for Menuhin

The French nation last month decorated violinist YEHUDI MENUHIN with the highest decoration ever awarded a foreigner, the degree of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, conferred for "immense generosity and

## The New Tradition

Two more rabbis are going to Israel to see the dream of 2,000 years come true. Rabbi JOSEPH EISENMAN, dean of the Orthodox Rabbinate in Detroit, has been granted a sabbatical leave of a year for the visit by his Congregation Beth Tefilo Emanuel. A trip to Israel for this summer was presented to Rabbi BENJAMIN ENGLANDER by his Temple B'nai Israel of Irvington, N. J. He is a native of Palestine so the trip will be something of a homecoming.

## New Posts And Old

FRANK L. WEIL has been elected to his tenth term as president of the Jewish Welfare Board.

## Heads Men's Clubs

The new president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is BARNET LIEBERMAN of Philadelphia. He was named at the organization's 20th annual convention in Atlantic City to succeed Stanley Garten, who was named honorary president.

## The Way It Is

"He is not a person of principle or of consistent thinking," said Boris Smolar this week about Ilya Ehrenburg, one-time Russian Jewish nationalist and now chief Soviet hatchetman against Zionism. Smolar, in his "Between You and Me" JTA column, answered requests about what he thought of Ehrenburg. He reported that Ehrenburg was born into a wealthy family, received a traditional Jewish education, was an early revolutionary, lived under the Soviet system, left it for Paris and novels satirizing Communism, then back to the Soviet Union in 1939 to become the most popular Soviet journalist. Active until recently in the now dissolved Jewish anti-Fascist Committee, he broke with Jewish nationalism entirely in his blast against the present regime in Israel.

## With The Rabbis

HONORS—The tenth year of the spiritual leadership of Rabbi

## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5—"The Way of My Uncle Gedalia," a story explaining how the Yiddish language was used in the life of the vanished ghettos, on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p. m. EDT, NBC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5—Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger of New York City's West End Synagogue, in the first of three sermons, "His Name Be Praised," on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EDT, ABC.

JACOB J. WEINSTEIN at KAM Temple in Chicago will be celebrated June 12, at the 101st annual meeting and installation of officers of the congregation.

NEW PULPITS—Congregation Etz Jacob in Los Angeles has elected as its spiritual leader Rabbi YONAH GANZWEIG.

The new rabbi of Congregation B'nai Isaac in Aberdeen, S. D., is SELIG S. AUERBACH, formerly executive director of the St. Joseph Hebrew School in St. Joseph, Mo.

Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Tex., has elected an assistant spiritual leader, Rabbi ROBERT J. SCHUR, a graduate of Hebrew Union College.

Report MGM Plans  
Studio Soon In Israel

NEW YORK—A vice president of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer said this week he had no knowledge of any plans of the company to build a film studio in Israel.

J. Robert Rubin made the statement in a comment on a report by the Overseas News Agency that the film company will soon build a studio in Israel. The ONA report said that the company already has applied for incorporation papers.

DPs In Rome Camps  
Moved to IRO Centers

ROME (JTA)—All Jewish refugees in the Farfa Sabina, Fraschette and Lipari DP camps, which have been under the supervision of the Italian government, will be transferred to International Refugee Organization centers shortly, it was announced here this week.

The Jewish Agency is currently spending from its regular funds \$75,000 a month for participation in the Youth Aliya program, which is geared to the reception, resettlement and education of orphaned and semi-orphaned children arriving in Israel.



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## Digest Of The Yiddish Press

CONVERT KOUSSEVITSKY'S PLEA  
TO CONDUCT IN ISRAEL REJECTED

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Serge Koussevitsky, retiring

conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, rarely has to ask to make a professional appearance. Most communities

would be flattered to have this celebrated musician direct their orchestras. A few weeks ago however, he begged to be permitted to direct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, as his protegee Leonard Bernstein, has done. He wrote the Orchestra officials that he would like to come to Israel and wield the baton in the Holy Land, "because I feel like a Jew."

But although Koussevitsky now feels like a Jew, he once left Judaism and converted to Christianity. "For religious reasons," the orchestra declined the honor. (The JOURNAL)

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N.Y. Education Board Head  
Is Real Jewish Jew

A 100 per cent Jewish Jew has been elected president of the New York Board of Education, S. Zuckerman, of the DAY, is glad to note.

Maximilian Moss, born some fifty years ago in New York, reared in Tennessee, a graduate of New York University Law School, and a veteran of World War I, is relatively little known, but is one of the finest communal workers in American Jewish life, Zuckerman tells us.

He has headed the mammoth Brooklyn Jewish Community Council (850 organizations), has served the UJA, the Synagogue Council, the Red Cross, and many other causes, including Zionism. In an interview, Zuckerman asked Moss how he managed to carry on so many jobs, and Moss replied simply that he hates to waste any of his time.

As head of the Board, which administers affairs for 830,405 school children, Moss hopes to raise teachers' salaries, modernize school facilities, and promote progressive teaching techniques.

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Well-Earned Tribute  
To Mrs. Silverman

The weekly AMERICAN, printed in magazine format, publishes in each issue the picture of a "man-of-the-week" on its large cover page.

Last week the pious AMERICAN doffed its yarmelke to Ida Silverman, the vivacious, valiant, voluble, valuable wife of Archibald Silverman, the No. 1 Jew of Providence, Rhode Island. Saluting Mrs. Silverman on 40 years of Zionist activity, M. Rudin reviews the life of one of the most interesting personalities in America.

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To thousands of school children in Israel, the beneficiaries of her tireless work, "Mrs. Silverman from Providence" is more than a geographical statement.

DP CAMP BETTER USE  
MUNICH (JTA)—The Neu-Freiman DP camp near here has been converted into a processing center for Jewish immigrants bound for Israel. In order to clear the camp for this purpose, over 1,000 non-Jewish DPs were transferred by the I.R.O. to other centers in Bavaria.

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The only surviving child of a family of eight, young Ida was brought to this country by her parents at an early age, was strongly influenced by her Orthodox father (Lieb Kamelhorn), became a reader in the women's gallery of her shul at 12, excelled in elocution at school, and had to look for a job at 16. She became a bookkeeper for a costume jewelry outfit, and eventually married her boss.

Since their marriage in 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Silverman have become one of the outstanding man-and-wife teams in American Jewish life, ubiquitously active in the advancement of Jewish causes.

A friend and confidant of all important Jewish leaders of our generation, Mrs. Silverman was personally drafted for the distaff side of the American Jewish Congress by Stephen Wise, whom she fascinated.

She has traveled all over the world in behalf of Zionism, and was one of the few women permitted to visit England during the war. She went there twice, and also made a war-time visit on a freight ship through dangerous waters, to Australia.

She personally checked on Kimberly, Surinam, and the Dominican Republic, which were proposed at various times as substitutes for Palestine as places of Jewish settlement, and proved their unsuitability.

She has been a virtual commuter to Palestine, where the Silvermans invested in land when it was believed to be folly to do so, and gave some of their property to Jewish colonists.

Eloquent and alert, Mrs. Silverman is a tireless fund-raiser. She and Archy have also raised a family of three sons and a daughter. The latter is now living in Israel, where her husband, Arthur Holtzman, directs the broadcasts from Tel Aviv heard over Station WMCA.

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## Women's Viewpoint

By HELEN COHEN

### A JEWESS BY BIRTH ONLY EXPLAINS WHY SHE BELONGS

By HELEN COHEN

A YOUNG woman whose only tie with Judaism was by accident of birth does some soul searching in an article called "What Am I?" for WOMAN'S DAY magazine.

Eleanor Rice, an author of several books, desires nothing more than to be like her neighbors, but feels as long as Jews are persecuted, it is only right that she announce her Jewishness.

She states her case so well that we are quoting as much as space will allow:

I AM A JEW. Or am I?—my grandparents came to America from Germany on the wave of liberalism which temporarily swept Europe in the middle of the last century.

My mother and father were born in America. They were both the products of liberal homes, of parents who were proud to have thrown off the shackles of prejudice, of difference from their neighbors and who were in turn proud that their parents had discarded the shackles of conformity to what seemed to them a dark religion. It had seemed like that to many Jews of the time, so much so, that the movement which brought them and thousands like them into the cultural stream of the nineteenth century was called the Enlightenment Movement.

They had come up out of the ghetto into the light. Hebrew learning seemed to them a voyage back into the middle ages. The isolation of Jewish ritual, Jewish diet, a Jewish way of life was an impediment that kept them from living at ease with their neighbors, kept them from the rich broad civilization of Western Europe which was their physical and cultural home. They—my grandparents—embraced modern Western culture, and made it possible for their children to feel at home in it.

My mother and father were brought up as agnostics. I knew I was a Jew, but I was a child in those halcyon days where there was still a world in which this did not matter. It was neither a vice nor a virtue. It was not even a condition. It was something you learned to say, like your name.

IT IS FREQUENTLY SUGGESTED, and usually with considerable heat, that the only dignity for a Jew is to be 100 per cent Jewish. To go back to the ways of his Jewish ancestors... For those Jews to whom these rituals and customs are spiritually important, this may well be best, as it always is best to be what they are or feel they are. For me and many thousands like me this would be thoroughly dishonest and dishonesty is never dignified. It would be to take on a way of life which had no relation to one's desire or convictions. It would be a parody and ridiculing of those people to whom that religion and that way of life are a reality. It would be much like demanding of all the descendants of Puritans that they wear Puritan costumes and live in log cabins.

Yet I know many Jews today who are having something of this reaction. Though they have never been in a synagogue themselves, they are bringing up their children to go to religious school, learn Hebrew, and keep the Jewish holidays; to be, in fact, belligerently Jewish.

This is an understandable decision. The parents argue that their children will sooner or later have to face prejudice, and that a feeling for Jewish tradition, the sense that there is some virtue in being Jewish, will be the best defense they can have. Perhaps this is true. Surely they need some defense. And yet what confusion these children must feel when they see that their parents do not accept that tradition and that religion for themselves. Is there not a kind of dishonesty in this solution, too?...

A GENTILE FRIEND OF MINE recently asked me why I insisted on saying I was Jewish. "Are you a Jew by religion," he asked me. I said I was not. "Do you believe that the Jews are a race?" "No."

"Do you believe you are closer in feeling and sympathy to a religious East European Jew than to the people among whom you were brought up?" "Obviously no," I answered him.

"All right, then, what makes you a Jew?"

"The fact that people say I am. The fact that a person's attitude toward me might be different if he knew I was what he calls a Jew—And there's something else. While there are people who are distinguishable as Jews and who are persecuted as Jews, I owe it to them to announce my own background. Perhaps the answer is that while one person is persecuted for being Jewish, no so-called Jew has the right to deny his identity."

"According to Hitler's racial laws, I'm Jewish. But while there are people who make such laws or people who would like to make them, I and many others like me will continue to be Jewish."



## YOUR NAME

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N. Pearlroth

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### Lapine Demblinger

Rabbi Moshe V. Goldblum B'nai Jacob Congregation, 50 Sturges Ave., Mansfield, O., writes:

I am writing for one of the members of my congregation in reference to his name. His family comes from the southern part of Russia, although his name is French-sounding. The name is Lapine and any explanation on your part would certainly be appreciated.

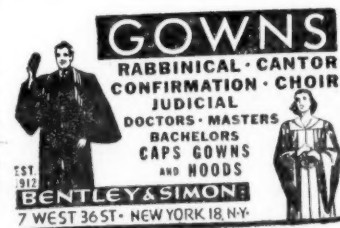
Lapine is of geographical origin. It is connected with one of a dozen Polish and Russian communities named Lapin which in Yiddish are called Lapine. The most likely source is the community of Lapin near Swienciany in the Government of Wilno. The root of the geographical name is a Polish term designating a coarse thistle-like herb growing in profusion in Eastern Europe. Its English name is "Burdock."

Michael Demblinger, 4738 N. Virginia Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:

I would like to know the story behind the name Demblinger. The name was formerly Demblinger. It came from some place in Austria.

Demblinger was adapted from the name of the community of Demblin (population 600) which is situated in the District of Dabrowa in Western Galicia which until 1918 was part of Austria. The root of Demblin is a Polish word meaning "oak." The "g" was probably inserted for euphony.

Want to know what YOUR name means? It's easy. Just drop a note to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post, and he'll answer you in this column. Your name isn't just a bunch of meaningless letters. It has a meaning that goes back deep into the great history of an ancient people. Find out what your name means.



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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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TWO recipes are offered this week for chicken, one "hot" and one cold:

### PRESSED OR JELLIED CHICKEN

Cut chicken into small pieces, then cook and prepare according to directions in recipe for Pressed or Jellied Veal. Remove skin and bones from chicken carefully before grinding meat.

### PRESSED OR JELLIED VEAL

veal, or half veal and half	½ teaspoon peppercorns
chicken	1 bay leaf, if desired
knuckle of veal	1 onion
hot water	salt and pepper

Have knuckle of veal sawed in pieces. Place in pot, add meat, add hot water to cover, add peppercorns, bay leaf if desired, and onion, cover pot tightly, and let simmer until meat is very tender. By this time, liquid in pot should be reduced to about 1 cup. Strain liquid, chill, and remove fat. Grind meat very fine until like powder, and season highly with salt and pepper. Prepare in either of the following ways:

#### Number 1

Add to the ground meat enough of strained liquid to bind it. Pack into a greased bread pan, and press with a heavy weight. Or form into shape of a loaf, place on plate, cover with another plate, and cover plate with a heavy weight. Chill loaf thoroughly. Serve whole, garnished with parsley and lemon slices. Slice at table, and serve with pickles and olives.

#### Number 2

Grease a large mould, or several small, individual moulds. Line bottom of mould with a layer of sliced, hard-cooked eggs, cover, if desired, with a layer of chopped parsley, then pack in a layer of ground meat. Repeat with another layer of eggs, parsley if desired, and meat. Pour strained liquid over meat. Press with a heavy weight, and chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, dip mould in hot water for a few seconds, and turn out onto a plate. Serve with pickles and olives.

### CHICKEN PAPRIKA WITH RICE

1 five-pound chicken	1 onion, chopped fine
salt	1 tablespoon paprika
¼ cup chicken fat	1 cup rice

Cut chicken into pieces for serving. Sprinkle well with salt, and let stand several hours. Heat fat in pot, add onion, and fry until golden brown. Remove onion, and set aside. Add hot or boiling water to cover, add paprika, cover pot, and let simmer until chicken is almost tender. Drain off from the chicken 4 cups of the liquid in which it has simmered, leaving about 1 cup in pot with chicken. Cover pot, and let simmer 20 minutes longer until chicken is tender. Meanwhile, put the 4 cups liquid in another pot, add the browned onion, 1 teaspoon salt, bring to a boil, wash and add rice, and let boil gently, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until tender. Drain off any excess liquid, and serve with the chicken.

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Rosh Hashonah ..... Sat., Sept. 24  
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Friday, June 3, 1949

## The Editor's Chair

**THE COMMITTEE** for Progressive Zionism has not been disbanded and has not taken any action to disband, it declared at its caucus Saturday afternoon at the Manhattan Center. Dan Frisch, the new president of the ZOA, told the delegates in his acceptance speech that the CPZ had disbanded.

**RABBI IRVING MILLER** made a strong attack on the "deal" between the Committee for Progressive Zionism and the Frisch forces in the final meeting of the old executive committee Friday morning. He charged that the CPZ was not sincere and that the deal would alienate the delegates who would not be given an opportunity to choose the leaders for the coming year. Rabbi Miller's speech evoked considerable applause, but Dr. Neumann and Dr. Morton J. Robbins defended the administration and the Frisch adherents, and no action was taken by the executive committee.

**THE STRATEGY** of the Committee for Progressive Zionism was outlined by Dr. Nahum Goldmann at the caucus of that group Saturday afternoon. It was Dr. Goldmann who pointed out that a deal on candidates was minor if no provision had been made for an agreement on policy. One of the CPZ workers was not at all pleased with the deal and asked how the CPZ which fought so vigorously at Pittsburgh last year for a democratic election, could make a deal which would deprive the delegates of any opportunity to vote on candidates.

**THE DOMINANT** Frisch group wastes no love on the former Neumann administration. Men like Jacques Torczyner, Joseph Greenleaf, etc., are definitely on the outside now.

**EZRA SHAPIRO** told the CPZ caucus Saturday that the first move of the CPZ in the peace talks was to suggest a neutral man for president of the ZOA. Mr. Shapiro said the CPZ negotiators were unable to convince the administration men on the point.

**ALTHOUGH** the delegates enjoyed Rabbi Silver's speech Sunday, he was having a good time too. "Quiet, good people, we're having a good time," he called out to them, looking up from his paper as they laughed at some of his witty sarcasm.

**RABBI SILVER** said he favored the federation of all Zionist bodies in the United States, and he said that such an agency could well grow out of the present American Zionist Council (formerly the Zionist Emergency Council).

**JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG**, present acting chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, defended himself against the charges of Dr. Silver. "I decided for Israel," he told the delegates. He told the delegates that by May 25 of this year, the United Jewish

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Appeal had already received \$62,000,000 in cash, approximately the same amount it got last year by this same date. He also praised the "wonderful leadership of Montor and Morgenthau."

**IN HIS** acceptance speech, Dan Frisch told how it was Rabbi Silver who "directed" him to achieve peace with the Committee for Progressive Zionism.

**JUST IN CASE** there had been an election, and a demand for a closed ballot, the ZOA office had prepared a printed ballot.

## Belar Demands Law To Make DPs Pioneers

**TEL AVIV (JTA)**—A demand that Israel adopt a law requiring every youth and new immigrant to spend two years in settlements to colonize the barren areas of Israel was made here this week at the seventh world conference of the Brith Trumpeldor organization.

The demand was made by Aaron Propes, leader of the organization, after the reading of a message from Premier David Ben Gurion appealing to the youth of Israel to settle the barren areas of the southern Negev, the hills of Jerusalem and Galilee. Propes also urged establishment of a joint committee of all Israeli youth organizations to send instructors to immigrant camps to encourage the new arrivals to take up life in the settlements.

## Chicago Rabbis Favor Community Council

**National Jewish Post**  
**CHICAGO**—A proposal that may give Chicago Jewry a Jewish community council was adopted unanimously this week by the Chicago Rabbinical Association.

The proposal was submitted by Rabbi Morton Berman, spiritual leader of Temple Isaiah Israel, who was elected president. His plan was adopted as a major immediate goal of Chicago's rabbis.

Rabbi Berman said the association will undertake, with the aid of experts, a survey of the Chicago Jewish community and its organizational life.

If the survey findings show a need, the association will "recommend formation of a democratically organized Jewish community council," Rabbi Berman said, commenting that Chicago has lagged behind other cities in this respect.

## Russ Call Israel Tool Of West Imperialism

**MOSCOW (JTA)**—The current issue of the Soviet review, NEW TIMES, renews the charge this week of an Anglo-American "conspiracy" in the Middle East designed to create a "strategic springboard aimed against the Soviet Union."

The publication asserts that "American imperialists, through their agents in Zionist circles, are attempting to take into their hands the economy and policies of the state of Israel through the loans and other means."

## Arab Forces Depart; Major Road Open

**TEL AVIV (JTA)**—The highway linking the Israeli town of Afula, ten miles south of Nazareth in central Palestine, with Hadera on the coastal plain was open this week for unrestricted Israeli use, following withdrawal of Arab Legion forces from their advanced positions at Um El Fahm, which dominated the highway.

## What About The CPZ Now?

**JUST** what will happen to the Committee for Progressive Zionism now that it has gained important, although minority posts in the Frisch administration, will be interesting to watch.

Mr. Frisch told the delegates that the CPZ had disbanded. Yet that organization said it had not made any decision yet. But decision or no decision, the CPZ men in administration posts have a common outlook and viewpoint, so that even if the organization does disband, it will not actually be disbanded to all intents and purposes.

Interesting speculation also centers around the wisdom of the CPZ in accepting a minority position in the Frisch administration. Much will depend here on the democracy that pre-

vails in the new administration and whether viewpoints of the CPZ men will be suppressed or permitted established democratic practices.

If a CPZ man takes exception to action of the administration will he be permitted space in the New Palestine to express his minority viewpoint, or will the same policy as under the Neumann and Silver administrations be continued?

Mr. Frisch has many difficult tasks ahead of him. If he's a big enough man, he'll let his ideas and not his strength achieve his ends.

There is no question but that the CPZ men in the administration make the new administration one of the strongest and best rounded of any in ZOA history. These men have a contribution to make to Zionism, and it is to be hoped that they are encouraged rather than limited and discouraged.

## Zionist Convention's Interest High

**WHETHER** it is because Zionism is a movement of the people, or because Zionism is still intoxicated with the thrill of the establishment of the Jewish state, the fifty-second annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America last week-end in New York showed no signs of the lessening of interest that has marked other national Jewish conventions this year.

Attendance was off but interest was as high as ever. Corridors of the Statler hotel were crowded into the wee hours of the morning

with Zionists, and the sessions were all well attended with eager participants.

Once again the delegates took part in no discussion on the program for their organization for the coming year. They heard the Rifkind report, but there was no important discussion on it and it was concerned almost solely with the future of Zionism as a whole, not with the immediate program of the ZOA.

A convention does not make an organization and an organization cannot be judged by a convention. The 1949-50 year of the ZOA will tell the tale.

## A National Study of the Kosher Situation

**THE** action of the Detroit Jewish Community Council in sponsoring a limited boycott of its kosher butcher establishments might lead to similar boycotts in other communities where the butchers refuse to cooperate.

The boycott was called in Detroit because a minimum demand of the Community Council that price lists be displayed in all the butcher shops was rebuffed.

The Kosher meat situation is serious enough in all Jewish communities to warrant a thorough study by a responsible Jewish agency on a national scale. There must be a criteria by

which the contention of the kosher butcher that his expenses are greater can be fairly weighed. No one wants to penalize kosher butchers. If the high prices are warranted because of the peculiarities of supplying kosher products, then perhaps some other method such as a subsidy can be found to bring these prices down to the reach of the average pocketbook.

But the present situation is getting nowhere fast. The housewife blames the butcher. The high prices drive the Jewish housekeeper to buy treifa meats, and generally everyone is dissatisfied.

## Don't Tour Israel Now!

**IT** IS clear now that Israel will only suffer if those who plan a tour of Israel go through with such plans.

Soon enough Israel will be begging for tourists; in all countries touring has become a substantial industry. But at present those who

want to see Israel should postpone their trips for another year or so until the land is ready to receive them. Their coming at this time will only work a hardship on the Israeli and further strain the already scarce—if not exhausted—supplies, transportation facilities and housing.

## Current Comment

Jews should attend synagogues regularly in joy as well as infrequently in sorrow, says Rabbi Samuel Rosinger of Temple Emanuel in Beaumont, Tex.—The late Oscar Hammerstein lost a fortune in an opera house which he built in Chicago in competition to the Metropolitan of New York City. The venture was a colossal failure, and when he was asked how such a man of his vast theatrical experience could commit such a grave error in judgment, he answered, "I made ample provisions for everything that augured well for success. I engaged the best architects and the most gifted singers that money could secure. I made but one fatal mistake. I forgot to build an audience into my opera house."

The same reason accounts for the failure of the synagogue. Congregations build expensive and ornamental houses of worship. They engage excellent choirs and eloquent rabbis. They omit but one indispensable feature—they fail to build in an audience.

Our people flock everywhere. They belong to civic clubs, and how punctual and regular are they in attendance!! Heaven forbid that they miss a meeting, whether the mercury

climbs to bloodheat or sinks below freezing. Out of the seven nights of the week, Friday night seems to be the most favorable time to go to the movies and other places of amusement.

We have tried every dignified means at our disposal to induce the habitual absentees to attend divine service. We have scores of men and women in our congregation who have enjoyed the abundant blessings of God in health and prosperity, and whom gratitude ought to move to "enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise," and yet, they fail to take advantage of the greatest blessing which we enjoy in this land, namely RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. They cannot appreciate the joy of worship and the privilege of prayer. They cannot open their hearts to the hallowing influence of religion. The prosaic groove of secularity in which they move has deepened into a rut out of which they cannot be dislodged.

Would that they remembered the Giver of All, out of gratitude and not grief, and serve Him with hearts brimful of joy, rather than weighed down by sorrow.



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### Brickner Challenges Council To Prove 'Homelessness' Basic Zionist Doctrine

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I read recently that local chapters of the American Council for Judaism are extending greetings to the independent state of Israel on the first anniversary of its establishment. The greetings of the Cincinnati chapter declares, "We recognize and appreciate the great service which the new nation's policy of unrestricted Jewish immigration has performed for thousands of Displaced and Persecuted Jews in Europe and elsewhere." Quoting from the resolution adopted by the national American Council for Judaism on April 24, 1949, it invokes the blessings of God upon the State of Israel and expresses the hope "that the citizens of Israel and those who, in the future may seek to rebuild their lives there, may enjoy life, liberty and happiness such as we in America have enjoyed for generations."

Now all of this is well and good and sounds as if the Council for American Judaism is finally coming around to see the light. But, in the body of the greetings, one discovers that this is not the case. There is a "but," to wit, that, without lessening their genuine enthusiasm and praise for the valor and work of the Israeli, the Council declares its firm stand against the "wave of Jewish Nationalism" now threatening to engulf the Jews of America and their institutions." According to the Council, this "nationalism," which it believes to be "detrimental not only to integration in America but also to Jewish institutions in America," advocates that (1) Jews can be secure only temporarily in parts of the world other than Israel, (2) they should form an American "national group," and (3) their true homeland is in Israel.

Now let me, a life-long Zionist, say unequivocally that any Zionist propaganda to the effect, that Jews can be secure only temporarily in parts of the world other than Israel is false to Zionist ideology and faithless to America. I have never believed that to be a Zionist one must be convinced that Jews are "homeless" in America. I have never believed that the establishment of a Jewish State would solve all Jewish problems. Nor do I believe that anti-semitism is the root cause of Zionism or an integral part of Western culture and Western democracy. Though the programs of Russia and the Hitlerian exterminations led many Jews to Zionism, the idea of the return to Zion antedates these by centuries. It was ingrained in the Jewish religion. Modern political Zionism is rooted in mankind's striving for democracy, which gave birth also to modern nationalism, such as that which inspired Garibaldi and Mazzini to fight for a united Italy. Zionism is essentially a democratic movement, stressing the right of small nations and the right of small peoples—minorities—to live a full and free and creative life of their own, something not possible under any form of colonialism.

From a practical viewpoint, it makes absolutely no sense to advocate or hope that Israel can possibly accommodate any appreciable part of American Jewry. Nor is there sense or meaning to the idea that Jews should become a voluntary "national group" in America. That

would mean confining themselves to one geographical area, setting up a state within a state, maintaining their own school system, making either Yiddish or Hebrew their dominant language, electing "national" Jewish representatives to Congress, etc. This is America, where not groups but individuals are recognized as having rights without distinction as to race, creed, or national origin. And surely as the melting pot melts—and it is melting—the possibility that Jews can survive in America as a unique national group is folly. Ask any sociologist. Study the facts about Jewish integration and adjustment, and, if you please, assimilation—the extent of intermarriage—and one inevitably comes to the conclusion that the possibility of Jewish survival as a "national group" in America is something out of the realm of reason or practicality.

I know of no responsible Zionist groups that preach any such doctrine in and for America. It is quite another thing about those tiny groups in Israel who believe that Jews are doomed in the Diaspora and should flee it before it is too late—and about this I will say a word later. But I challenge the Council to point out any responsible Zionist groups that have expounded any such doctrine. I don't mean just small splinter groups.

Every movement has its "lunatic fringe," and no movement can be judged by its extremist elements.

It seems quite evident that the Council for American Judaism is setting up a straw man in order to build up for itself a raison d'être when the declaration of a Jewish state and its acceptance for membership in the UN has cut the ideological group from under their feet. And the very fact that they now find it necessary—and, if you please, even desirable—to extend greetings to an independent state of Israel on its first anniversary is an indication that there has been a revolutionary change in the thinking of the Council, excepting that diehards refuse to give up the ghost. And so they have created a bogey called "a wave of nationalism" and state that, though they acknowledge that they are minority, they will persist to "hold in check such excesses of zeal."

Now the plain fact is that the Zionist Organization of America, through its President, Dr. Emmanuel Neumann, in its convention last year, declared clearly that the Jews in America have no political connection with the Israeli government. And what he underscored was the need of re-thinking the Zionist position in America, and a commission has been appointed, headed by Judge Rifkind of New York, to report at the forthcoming convention. As one goes hither and yon, he hears, "What is the purpose of continuing the Zionist organization? Hasn't its real function been fulfilled?" This from Zionists. Whether or not the Z.O.A. has finished its job and should be liquidated is another matter, but the prevailing thought of American Jewry—Zionist and otherwise—is concerned with the need of turning our attention to the building up of a solid, virile and creative Jewish life here for the four and a half million Jews who expect to continue to live here—to raise

their children and their grandchildren with faith and trust in America.

And even in the U.J.A. campaigns, we have been saying that there will be a tapering off in the demands for help to Israel and that Israel must reach the time soon when it will stand on its own feet.

In asking the blessings of God upon the state of Israel, the Council for American Judaism hopes that, in the future, the citizens of Israel "may enjoy life, liberty and happiness such as we in America have enjoyed for generations." Personally, I wish them a fuller measure of these, because our liberty and our happiness have been marred by the prevalence of anti-semitism. Even though it isn't governmental or integral in the culture of democracy, this anti-semitism has bred a sense of insecurity even in the Councilites. If this were not the case, then why would we be spending millions of dollars each year to combat it? At least in Israel, whatever other headaches the Jew may suffer, he will be relieved of the burden of discrimination and anti-semitism. He will be a member of the majority.

The hallucination of the Council are only matched by the absurd feeling evident among some few sabras—the native born Palestine Jews—that Jews outside of Israel are homeless. The motion expresses itself like this: "What are you Jews in America waiting for? Why don't you come to Israel while the coming is good and while the opportunity exists?" When you begin to argue your point with them, they inevitably have on their side the pattern of the last two thousand years of Jewish history, and what happened in Germany, and the prevalence of anti-semitism in this country, which to them is indicative of the way in which the course of anti-semitism naturally and inevitably drives to its fatal conclusion.

Of course, I, as an American Jew and a Zionist, do not agree with them, and I dare say that that is true of an overwhelming majority of American Zionists. But is it not a very dangerous thing that this kind of thinking, which is an outgrowth also of a form of Jewish chauvinism—a chauvinism bred by insulation, by ignorance of the conditions of Jewish life in this country—interprets the pin pricks of anti-semitism as a cancer for which there is no cure? These pessimists do not realize that the social anti-semitism that prevails in America is the price that we Jews are willing to pay for the privilege and the right to be and to remain different.

I believe it to be essential that something should begin to be done to present and interpret American Jewish life and anti-semitism in its true colors to the Israeli. Otherwise, instead of having bridges that will connect us with them, there will be chasms that will divide us. The Jewish chauvinists of Israel are as much a menace to bridge-building between American Jewry and Israel Jewry as the American Councilites, and I would say, "A plague on both your houses." The infection which they spread must be counteracted, even as we try to counteract anti-semitism in this country, through education. We need something like a Voice of America—only a Jewish voice

### READER HITS NJP STAND ON FRISCH; SAYS QUALIFIED FOR NEXT ZOA JOB

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was amazed to read your piece on Mr. Frisch being the wrong man for the presidency of ZOA. I am quite sure that he is a very fine man for the job and that the job is a fine one for the man. For, it occurs to me that all this talk about Zionism facing fundamental changes and requiring basic re-evaluations etc., is, at least for the time being, just talk. The Zionist movement remains a two-directional expression of our people's re-awakening to dynamism and activism in its own affairs, as well as in the affairs of mankind at large: this expression might be roundly ascribed as "Zionism for Israel" and "Israel for Zionism." The first objective culminated in the socio-political emergence of the State of Israel, whereas the latter is bound to require constant re-thinking and reformulations, which shall largely depend upon the "inner" momentum of a given Jewish community towards survival.

Mr. Frisch has certainly proven that he has a thorough comprehension of the pulse of Jewish reality in this day and age. He and ZOA will do justice to the remaining task of "Zionism for Israel," no matter how much energy will have to be generated for this purpose and into what avenues this energy will be channeled. As to the task of "Israel for Zionism," you surely do not expect the president of ZOA to do, in one or two years, all the existing agen-

—to be beamed to Israel, even as we are delighted to hear the Voice of Israel beamed to America.

It is not too early to begin to think about this problem, and I would consider it important that Israeli leaders and American Jewish leaders confer with regard to it.

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## Jews In Sports

### BORSHT CIRCUIT, NOT GARDEN, WILL SEE BEST CAGE GAMES

By HASKELL COHEN

Hilthy Shapiro, City College's sterling athlete, was awarded five statuettes at the recent shindig tossed for past and present City athletes. The affair staged at one of the larger New York hotels saw Henry Wittenberg, only City grad to ever receive an Olympic gold medal, honored by the school. Nat Holman reported on his recent trip to Israel and Red Holzman, a former Beaver hoop flash now a mainstay with the Rochester Royals in the BAA, was honored with an award.

Shapiro, whose heavy hitting has led the Lavender all spring on the diamond, is being wooed by the New York Yankees. City's coach Sol Mishkin is a Yankee scout



and is trying to get Hilty to join the Topping clan. Evidently the Yankees have discontinued the lavish bonuses they once paid schoolboy stars for Shapiro is turning a cold ear to their offers. If the New York club doesn't offer a lucrative bonus Hilty will stay in the city all summer preferring to play with the Bushwicks. Max Rosner will pay the boy at least the equivalent of the salary Hilty would receive on a Yankee farm.

On the basketball side Syracuse in the National League is after the Beaver court captain but thus far the Jewish lad has shown little inclination to sign with the upstate five. He prefers to do his playing around home and expects to line up with a neighborhood team in the very near future.

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Resort owners in the Catskills have the basketball bug in the worst way. Even the smaller hotels are coming up with ex-

ceptionally fine talent for the edification of their guests.

Dave Weiss, a New York hoosier man and former amateur hoopster, tells us that his Hotel Alamac in Woodridge, N. Y., a comparatively small resort compared to some of the others, has lined up such stalwarts as Charley Cooper, Duquesne's All-American center, Paul Senesky, fourth leading scorer in the country last winter at St. Joseph's, Marv Jaffee of Muhlenberg, and others of comparative skill.

City College and N.Y.U. squads are going to resorts intact while players are being brought in from Western Kentucky, Minneapolis, and as far south as St. Louis.

The best games of the year will not be played in Madison Square Garden but on the sun baked courts of the Borscht Circuit.

Tubby Raskin, former City College court luminary and ex-Brooklyn College hoop mentor, is really taking to tennis despite his age. Tubby played for City in the very early twenties so isn't a spring chick. You would never know though watching him galavant around the court. The day we saw him he knocked off the number two man on the Brooklyn tennis team in two straight sets.

Raskin tells us that Danny Rivkind, Brooklyn's number one man, is the best college player in the Met area rating over St. John's Dick McGrath who has a national rating.

George Mikan, record breaking scoring star of the Basketball Association of America pennant winner, the Minneapolis Lakers, has been appointed athletic director at Klein's Hillside, Parksville, N. Y., for the summer months. Mikan, the only unanimous choice for the B.A.A. 1949 all-star team, selected by writers and broadcasters, will receive the highest salary ever paid to an athletic director in the Catskill Mts. resort area.

### UN Hate Sheet Study Urged As Fight Step

NEW YORK—(JTA)—A world-wide United Nations survey of newspapers and publications spreading racial and religious hatred was proposed by the World Jewish Congress this week as a means of reducing such propaganda without invoking legal sanctions, in a memorandum submitted to UN Secretary General Trygve Lie.

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## U. S. Group To Aid Sports In Israel

NEW YORK — (WNS) — The need of furthering athletic activities among the youth of Israel was stressed here this week at a meeting of the National United States-Israel Sports Committee.

The vast enthusiasm for sports in Israel was described by Nat Holman, coach of City College's basketball team. Holman, who recently returned from a trip to the Jewish state, said "the need for equipment of all sorts can't be stressed too much."

Colonel Harry Henshel, a member of the executive committee of the United States Olympic Committee, who had also visited Israel recently, said efforts were being made in the new state to build pools, tracks and other athletic facilities. He said the Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education had asked the committee to send coaches and instructors to train the youth in Israel.

Judge Samuel Leibowitz, president of the new body, declared that the tremendous growth of the new state was "creating grave problems for the youth and we must do everything to help in this field."

## New Mindzenty Book Denies Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — Documents included in a Roman Catholic version of the events preceding the arrest and life imprisonment of Cardinal Mindzenty of Hungary were offered this week to refute Communist charges that the Cardinal favored anti-Semitic measures against Jews during the Hitler terror.

The documents made up a new book, "Cardinal Mindzenty Speaks," published by Longmans, Green and Co., which states in a foreword that the new book is a White Book authorized by the prelate.

One of the documents is a pastoral letter of May 24, 1945 which deplores war destruction in Hungary and cited earlier official Catholic protests against violations of the "innate rights of man."

The letter also said that Catholic opposition had been largely responsible for the defeat of anti-Semitic laws before Hungary was taken over by the Nazis and that Catholics had opposed Hungary's entrance into the war on the side of Hitler.

### OUT OF SATELLITES

BUCHAREST — (JTA) — A group of 179 Jewish emigrants—the largest group to receive Rumanian exit visas this year—will sail for Israel this week aboard the Rumanian liner Transylvania.

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## Accepts Invitation To Jerusalem Religious Meet Rabbinical Council Bids U.S. Jews Accept Israel as Religious Court

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Rabbinical Council of America formally called on U. S. Jewry this week to recognize the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the central authority for world Jews.

The call was embodied in a resolution adopted last week by 150 Neo-Orthodox rabbis from the U. S. and Canada at the 13th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council.

The convention also approved a resolution to accept an invitation from Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel to send a delegation to the World Rabbinical Conference next year in Jerusalem and ultimately set up a central religious authority for world Jewry.

Discussing the relationship of the American Jewry with the proposed authority, Rabbi Charles B. Chavel of Edgemere, L. I., told the convention that "it is clear that the relationship is purely voluntary and that therefore the Chief Rabbinate will act as a guiding light to all Jewish communities that seek religious instruction in the light of Torah and its oral traditions."

### Proposes Orthodox Union

Chief Rabbi Herzog told the convention that the united forces of Orthodoxy in the U. S. should join with the Rabbinate and the United Orthodox bloc in Israel to establish "a unique democratic state based on original Biblical concepts."

"True democracy does not mean a spiritless, godless state," Rabbi Herzog said. "Although the state will not interfere with the freedom of the individual, it must bear the specific impress of a God-conscious people."

That statement differed somewhat from those made by Rabbi Herzog in an exclusive interview with The Post when he said that such matters of personal status as marriage and divorce are exclusively in the province of the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel. Marriage between a Jew and a non-Jew in Israel, for example, is banned. (NJP May 20)

The Rabbinical Council, in its re-elected president of the Rabbinical Council.



HERZOG TABAK  
A Religious Court Now

executive committee to send a delegation of rabbis to confer with Dr. Herzog for the forthcoming World Rabbinical Conference.

### Asks UJA Allocation

In another resolution, the Rabbinical Council called on the United Jewish Appeal to allocate at least \$2,000,000 of its funds for religious and cultural institutions in Israel, particularly the theological yeshivas.

In his presidential address, Rabbi Tabak of Baltimore urged the standardization of fundamental religious observances by U. S. Jews in accordance with the traditional norms established by the Rabbinic authority in Israel.

He said that to meet the challenge of the new era brought by the "miraculous establishment" of Israel "a concept of Judaism will have to be advanced that will be broad and sweeping in order to fill the spiritual needs of every Jew."

### Orthodoxy Is Answer

He said such a concept "can be found in the streams of thought of authentic historic Judaism known until now as Orthodoxy."

Rabbi Tabak was unanimously re-elected president of the Rabbinical Council.

## Rabbinical Assembly to Probe U.S. Reorientation at Conclave

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A program to strengthen Jewish religious and communal life in the U. S. will be one of the main goals of the 49th annual convention of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly of America June 20-23, it was announced this week.

Rabbi David Aronson, president of the Rabbinical Assembly said the convention will consider the opportunities and the challenges which confront American Jewry as the result of the establishment of the Jewish State.

The conclave will be held at the Hotel Concord in Klame-sh Lake, N. Y.

Rabbi Milton Steinberg of the Park Avenue STEINBERG Synagogue will explore the theological problems.

Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn of Adath Israel Congregation in Trenton, N.J., chairman of the



Zionist Evaluation Committee, will speak on the "Relationship of the American Jewish Community to Israel."

### Gordis To Speak

Another speaker will be Rabbi Robert Gordis, spiritual leader of Beth El Congregation in Rockaway Park, L.I., and president of the Synagogue Council of America. He will outline a program for enriching the religious life of American Jewry.

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, leader of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, will discuss the American Jewish community in "The New Diaspora and American Democracy."

One of the main items on the conference agenda will be the report of the Rabbinical Assembly's law committee. The report will be presented by Rabbi Morris Adler of Congregation Shaarey eZdek in Detroit.

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Assembly Seeks U.S. Leadership  
For Labor Israel, Says Rabbi Wohl

**National Jewish Post**  
INDIANAPOLIS—The National Assembly for Labor Israel in New York this month represents the first attempt to mobilize intellectual and professional leaders in American Jewish life in support of the goals of social progress of modern Israel, Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati explained this week.

The assembly, which its Labor Zionist Organization of America sponsors hope will attract 1,000 delegates, will be held for three days starting June 20 at the Hotel New Yorker. Rabbi Wohl, former national chairman of the League for Labor Palestine, is one of the sponsors.

## Objectives of Meeting

Rabbi Wohl said the assembly, which it is hoped will be the first of a series of annual meetings, aims at two objectives. One is to win the support of U.S. Jewish intellectual leadership for the social advances developed by the present labor government in Israel. The other is to explore the possibilities of applying the special skills of such leadership both to the needs of Israel and to the program of Labor Zionism in the United States.

He emphasized that the assembly is in no sense a strictly party activity by LZOA, nor is any sort of party movement or LZOA affiliated expected or sought from the assembly.

Invitations have been sent to people known to be in sympathy with the program of human advancement of the Mapai in Israel but persons who have not been active heretofore in helping the development of such goals.

Rabbi Wohl also emphasized that the invitations have been sent out to individuals for their status as intellectual leaders, rather than in terms of party affiliations.

## Self-Organizing Goal

"The conference is being organized from within," he said. "The nature of the deliberations will be determined by the delegates."

The Mapai has no connection with the assembly, Rabbi Wohl said, adding that "of course, the Mapai has endorsed the meeting



RABBI SAMUEL WOHL

and naturally is very happy that such U.S. Jews are willing to find out for themselves what there is in the Labor program in Israel that deserves their support."

He said special efforts will be made to avoid the usual pattern of a passive audience lectured to by a collection of speakers.

## Speak For Themselves

"We expect to have some outstanding American Jewish leaders as speakers at the conference," he said, "but the meeting will be geared for a maximum of intensive participation by those who are coming."

"The conference was called to formulate ideas for the basic program and we expect that delegates of this caliber will have plenty to say," he explained. "We want them to participate fully in working out the details of whatever general principles they agree on as a result of their deliberations."

He said that in an effort to stimulate maximum individual

Pontiac Council Head Reminds Non-Jews  
They Hold Key To Security For U. S. Jews

**National Jewish Post**

PONTIAC, Mich.—An official of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, in a stand rarely taken publicly by Council spokesmen, this week urged a non-Jewish audience to realize that the issue of security for Jews depends mainly on non-Jews and asked action on that basis.

Norman Buckner, president of the Pontiac Council chapter, made the appeal in talks to a Kiwanis luncheon meeting and to a Lions club meeting.

He outlined the Council's formula for Jewish adjustment to the non-Jewish world as one of "complete national integration with the American people while retaining their distinctiveness of religion, as do their fellow Americans."

He called this process "the only way for my co-religionists here to achieve and maintain security and normality," then said there were two ways in which Christians could lend their support "in an integrated American effort to create a peaceful world and a better

America."

One he listed as non-Jewish help to liberalize the provisions of the 1948 Displaced Persons act which he called discriminatory.

He said that "Jewish" nationalism would disappear on the American scene when the feeling of insecurity among Jews, which makes them turn "for security to segregation and a body politic of their own," will give way to a sense of greater security, coming from the cooperative effort of all Americans.

"The degree and the rapidity with which we will attain that security depends to a large extent upon those who are not Jews," he said. "As segregation-minded Zionists do not speak for all my co-religionists, so segregation-minded anti-Semites do not speak for all Christians."

He told his non-Jewish audience that "the more frequently, the more dramatically, you can make it clear that anti-Semites are unrepresentative of Christians, the more rapidly we may move, cooperatively, toward a better, stronger United States of America."

participation, many delegates were being invited to send in questions in advance. These questions will be worked into the program.

Rabbi Wohl's explanation was amplified from New York by Dr. Berl Frymer, LZOA general secretary.

"It is generally understood that that no organization structure would or should evolve from the assembly," Dr. Frymer said. "The objective should be the convening of a yearly assembly of thinking Jews which should in itself become an institution in American Jewish life."

He said that a council probably would be set up to function between assemblies "which, it is hoped, will become in character a year-around institute."

Rabbi Wohl said it was impossible at this time to suggest what specific tasks the delegates might undertake.

"That depends on what the delegates themselves decide they can and would want to do," he said. "If the conference succeeds in winning this impressive collection of professional skills, experience and leadership to support of the new patterns of life in Israel, its sponsors will consider the event a complete success."

FORGOTTEN MILLION GROUP  
DISSOLVED IN PACT WITH JDC

**National Jewish Post**

NEW YORK—The giant Joint Distribution Committee cleared the way this week for its expanded program of aid to North African Jews by an agreement with Ozar Hatorah that resulted in dissolution of its fund-raising arm, the Committee for the Forgotten

Million. The agreement, announced by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the JDC, provides that the JDC will this year assume 60 percent of the budget of Ozar Hatorah for its religious education activities in French Morocco. The program covers 5,000 to 6,000 Jewish children.

The JDC also will provide supplementary food and welfare aid for Jewish students in Ozar Hatorah schools in Morocco and other areas in North Africa and the Near East.

Under terms of the agreement Ozar Hatorah will not conduct any public fund-raising campaign in competition with the United Jewish Appeal. Ozar Hatorah may continue to receive individual contributions for its overseas program, however.

Leavitt said that JDC relief and resettlement programs in the area have been budgeted at \$2,000,000 for 1949. He said that in Iran the JDC has been supporting Ozar Hatorah institutions for the past two years.

Harpers Announces  
New Fineman Novel

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Harpers announced this week it will publish in September "Ruth," a new novel by Irving Fineman, based on the Old Testament story.

Fineman's previous books include "Jacob," "Hear, Ye Sons," and "Dr. Adams."

British UJA Drive  
Success in London

LONDON—(JTA)—The 1949 Joint Palestine Appeal campaign this week passed the million-pound mark (\$4,000,000) with more than 450,000 pounds raised during the past month alone. The first stage of the campaign was conducted mainly in London. The fund appeals in the provincial centers are only now getting under way. The Anglo-Jewish community, which numbers about 300,000, is expected to raise 3,000,000 pounds (\$12,000,000).

LONDON—(JTA)—Preparations are continuing at the Haifa oil refineries to reopen operations, it was reported this week.

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Last week, I told you about the counting of the Omer and why Passover and Shavuot are connected by a chain.

Today is the first day of Shavuot.

I hope all of you have attended services at your Junior Congregation or at your synagogue or temple. In many Houses of Worship, there were beautiful flowers and greens which certainly made the services so filled with beauty.

As I explained last week, Shavuot, or the feast of Weeks, observes the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai from Moses through God. The Torah,

or law, is the most important thing in Jewish life. It is a guide which explains to us and to all peoples how we should live in peace and harmony with everyone in the world. Our world would be so much happier and pleasant if only people would learn the teachings of our Torah!

This holiday of Shavuot also celebrates another happy occasion. In the days when our people lived in Palestine thousands of years ago, the people would make three pilgrimages every year to the temple in Jerusalem. From every part of the land, they would journey to the Temple—on Passover, Shavuot and on Succot.

On Shavuot, they would bring their first-fruits of the harvest. That is why this holiday is sometimes called "Chag Habi-kurim," or the feast of the first-fruits. They would bring these

fruits as an offering to God at His Temple. That is why it is customary to deck the synagogue and home with flowers and leaves on Shavuot.

Greens are also added to the general decorations as a symbol of the fresh grass which grew on Mt. Sinai when Moses gave our people the Torah.

And of course, I mustn't forget the other important customs of this happy day! On Shavuot we are supposed to eat dairy foods and milk. That includes the mouth-watering dish which some people call cheese cakes, and which most of us call "blintzes."

Now that I've mentioned "blintzes," I'm getting hungry. Aren't you? So, please excuse me until next week.

SHALOM,

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## TO TALK RESTITUTION

VIENNA—(JTA)—The Austrian Foreign Ministry is prepared to discuss the question of restitution, including the disposition of heirless Jewish property, with all recognized Jewish agencies. M. Leitmayr, chief of the political section of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, has assured Harry Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel.



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## Goldmann, Hadassah, Non-Zionists Ripped

### Silver Announces Intention To Return to Active Role Soon

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver served notice to friends and foes alike this week that he had no intention of a permanent retirement from Zionism.

In one of the most brilliant speeches of an amazing career in Zionism, Dr. Silver waved aside all "diplomatic talk" for a tremendous two-hour blast at the foes who recently joined forces to give the ZOA leadership its first major licking last spring on the United Jewish Appeal.

He defended his stand in the recent UJA fight, justified his resignation from the American section of the Jewish Agency and assailed his enemies with such power and sarcasm that delegates to the 52nd ZOA convention were kept in a tumult of laughter and bursts of cheering applause.

#### Hits Them All

Dr. Silver bore down heavily on Zionists and non-Zionists alike, charging that their activities in the recent UJA fight had left "residual mischief in the U.S. Jewish community."

One of his sharpest shafts was aimed at Nahum Goldmann, veteran Zionist leader who helped strip the ZOA of its control of the United Palestine Appeal and who succeeded Dr. Silver as chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

He charged that Goldmann had "almost succeeded in the catastrophic blunder" of having Israel postpone her declaration of independence last May.

His statement on his own future plans was couched in general terms but left no doubt that he was not retiring. In recent weeks, he had withdrawn entirely from all formal positions in Zionism, starting with his resignation as chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

That resignation was in protest against the decision of the Jewish Agency executive, meeting in plenary session in New York, to bow to the demands of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and accept Henry Montor, mortal enemy of Dr. Silver, as boss of the 1949 drive.

He also resigned as chairman of the American Zionist Council, formerly the American Zionist Emergency Council.

#### Faithful Gardener

"One does not help plant a garden and then walk away from it," he said. "It requires tending and care—and I for one plan to remain a faithful gardener."

He said he needed a rest now, but promised that he would continue to be available in the future, trusting that "there will be a friendly atmosphere and that circumstances will be such as to give me a reasonable chance of success."

His denunciation of his enemies was all-inclusive. He slammed with equal fury at Goldmann, Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of Hadassah, and Henry Montor. He blistered the Jewish Agency for its "unwarranted and impertinent intrusion" into local Zionist affairs. He hit the Labor Zionist Organization of America, the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism, Morgenthau, Judge Morris Rothenberg and the American Jewish Committee.

#### Payoff of Scores

He charged that Goldmann and Mrs. Halprin joined in the anti-ZOA fight last spring "to settle old scores" of a personal nature. When Goldmann's name was mentioned, the delegates booed.

Mrs. Halprin was charged with having "converted Hadassah into the second women's auxiliary of the Labor Zionist Organization

without the knowledge of rank-and-file Hadassah members."

Montor was denounced for his "infamous lies" which he later retracted, Silver said, and for having "sired" the Committee of Contributors, one of the opposition factions which spearheaded the fight against the ZOA administration.

He called for the "expansion, not contraction" of the ZOA, which he said would be needed again and again to help safeguard Israel's rights. He said there was need to continue the American Zionist Council as the official spokesman for American Jewry in Zionism. He called the Jewish Agency "an international body the propriety of whose intervention might be challenged."

#### Hits Council Again

He struck out at the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, to which he has been devoting more and more Silver fire in recent weeks. He said that the Council meant "assimilation" in its preaching of "integration."

He said Zionists welcomed the efforts of non-Zionists but said they must be carefully watched, adding that it would be a "serious blunder to leave direction of Zionist affairs in their hands."

Tongue in cheek, Dr. Silver commented on the peculiar priority which the Israeli Government has given to avowed non-Zionists. He alluded acutely to the American Jewish Committee, a number of whose leaders were recently invited by Premier David Ben-Gurion to visit Israel.

"They were given praise, generous recognition and priorities for reason of bona fide non-Zionist status and acknowledged wealth," he said.

#### Not Another Penny

He said selection of non-Zionists to head the UJA drives here was "penny wise and pound foolish." He added bitterly that the "violent imposition of present leaders will net not a single additional farthing to the 1949 UJA campaign."

"What purpose was served by the intrusive action of the Jewish Agency?" he demanded.

"What was accomplished by weakening the position of the Zionist Organization and Zionist leadership? What has been gained by ridding the United Palestine Appeal of ZOA leaders?"

He expressed confidence that his position on the autonomy of Zionist bodies outside of Israel would "soon be vindicated," referring to the next World Zionist Congress scheduled to take up that issue.

He said the ZOA must become the backbone of financial investments in Israel and must also serve "as the catalyst for Jewish survival."

He said American Zionists must support "maximal Jewish education for their children, the use of Hebrew language and literature, the setting up of Jewish homes, active participation in the religious life of the synagogue, support of scholarship and academies of Jewish learning."

He argued that a strong General Zionist movement is needed in Israel to insure foreign capitalists that their investments would not be confiscated through nationalization and socialism.

## N. Y. Board Upholds 'Oliver Twist' Ruling

From JTA and WNS Dispatches

NEW YORK—The N. Y. City board of education announced this week it had decided to keep Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" on the approved list of reading material for high school students.

The action, which also applied to the Shakespearian play, "The Merchant of Venice," followed a demand by former magistrate Joseph Goldstein that the books be barred on grounds they tend to create anti-Semitic feelings.

Goldstein indicated he would start legal proceedings at once to get the two books barred.

Dr. William Jansen, superintendent of schools, said that several members of a reading committee, which unanimously agreed to retain the books, were Jewish.

He said only two teachers had used the Dickens novel recently and that no new copies had been purchased for several years.

## First Translation Of Maimonides Out

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Yale University Press this week published the first volume of an English translation of the Code of Maimonides, often called the father of modern Judaism.

Officials said the book represented the first time that any part of the famous Code has ever been translated into any language from the original Hebrew.

The event marks the start of a 15-volume translation of the entire Code, prepared under auspices of Judaica Research at Yale. The first volume is "The Book of Civil Laws," Book 13 in the Maimonides Code. The translation was by Jacob Rabinowitz, a New York attorney.

The Code is regarded as the most detailed and systematic exposition of Jewish civil law after the close of the Talmud. The Rabinowitz translation contains five treatises on the laws of hiring, of borrowing and depositing, of creditor and debtor, of pleading and of inheritance.

## Israel, England Reach Trade Deal

LONDON—Israel scored a major diplomatic victory this week when an agreement was reached with Britain that will enable the Jewish State to spend about \$28,000,000 in the sterling area in the next six months.

The amount represents about 25 per cent of all the wartime sterling held in Israel's account in London and frozen since February, 1948. At that date, Palestine was removed from the sterling area.

The Israeli, who badly need capital equipment and consumer goods, were pleased by the agreement, which climaxed several months of negotiation. British exporters also were expected to benefit.

David Horowitz, director general of the Israeli treasury, said the agreement was a reasonable compromise.

## QUAKERESS SELLS PRIZE PROPERTY TO FEDERATION FOR HOME FOR AGED

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—The Federation of Jewish Charities had a particularly fine site this week for its new Jewish Sheltering Home for the Aged because the Quaker owner of the area would sell it only for Jewish philanthropic purposes.

The tract of land, one block from Jewish hospital, was owned by Mrs. T. C. Garrett, who rejected many offers for it. The land, which had been in her family since Colonial days, was considered very desirable for residential uses.

One day last week Mrs. Garrett told a local real estate operator she would sell the land on her terms. The Realtor notified the Federation, which quickly purchased the site.

Involved was abandonment by the Federation of plans to buy a site in another area, which had reached the stage of preliminary architectural drawings.

## Home Secretary Blows Hot and Cold

### British Official Promises Action To Stop Fascist Beatings of Jews

LONDON—British Home Secretary Chuter Ede tangled himself up a little during questioning about fascist attacks on Jewish residents in the Dalston area last week, but said that "most active steps" were being taken to cope with the growing violence.

The issue was brought up in Parliament by P. Piratin, a member of Parliament from the London East End. Piratin asked what progress had been made by police in tracing the fascist hoodlums who brutally attacked two Jewish youths April 30.

Ede first said that he had "no reason to think they are connected with racial or political matters," in referring to the physical beatings. Later, he said that "the police are well aware of the possibility of trouble arising from the numerous political activities in the neighborhood."

Follower of Oswald Mosley's Union are known to follow a pattern of seeking to provoke incidents in the heavily Jewish Dalston area. In recent weeks, their inquiries.

they have swung over to physical violence.

#### Same Thing Being Done

Ede said that he informed that inquiries started by police into the attack on the two youths were being vigorously pursued.

Piratin said that since the attack on the boys, there had been further attacks on Jewish boys and girls in the area and asked Ede whether he had taken any steps to ensure that there would be enough police in the district to prevent further attacks.

Ede said he knew there had been one or two other assaults. He said the police would continue their inquiries.

## U. S. JEWISH SCHOOL SYSTEM COMING INTO BEING—CHIPKIN

ATLANTIC CITY—An American Jewish school system is in the making, Dr. Israel S. Chipkin of New York told the tenth annual convention this week of the American Association for Jewish Education.

"We begin to see today the outlines of an interrelated, democratically-organized American Jewish school system with the promise of a higher Jewish cultural levels in a better organized Jewish community," said Dr. Chipkin, the executive director of the association.

The National Council for Jewish Education and the Federation of Hebrew Teachers of America, members of the association, met in joint session.

Michael A. Stavitsky of Newark, N.J., was re-elected president of the association. Dr. Milton Konvitz, of Cornell University, was re-elected secretary and Harry Leibowitz of New York as treasurer.

The National Council re-elected Judah Pilch of Newark as president.

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